

ALIENIST SAYS
HICKMAN IS
SANE AFTER
TESTS IN JAIL

Prisoner at Pendleton, Ore.,
Boasts of Robberies in St.
Louis, Kansas City and
Columbus O.

STICKS TO HIS STORY
OF 'ANDREW CRAMER'

Unshaken by News That
Man of That Name Who
Knows Him Has Been in
Jail Four Months.

By the Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—
Finger prints found in the Bell-
view Arms Apartment here of Wil-
liam Edward Hickman, confessed
slayer of 12-year-old Marian
Parker, today definitely connected
a woman with the murder of the
child, police said.

Ident. H. L. Barlow, police
fingerprint expert, declared the
prints were not those of the slau-
gher. He also declared they were
not those of any woman thus far
identified as connected with the
case.

Two fingerprints were found
when Lieut. Barlow made a new
examination of the apartment
Hickman occupied under the name
of Evans. One was on a milk bot-
tle and the other on a plate.

By the Associated Press.
PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 24.—
In the face of a police declaration
that he had killed 12-year-old
Marian Parker in his apartment in
Los Angeles, William Edward
Hickman, in jail here, replied to-
day: "That is not true. I did not
do it."

"Under the California law you
die for death for what you already
confessed," he was told.

"I can't help it," replied Hick-
man. "I have told the truth. I
will feel better to go that way than
to have to tell a lie."

Hickman manifested consider-
able apprehension on being told of
the approach of California officers
who are to return him to Los An-
geles. He asked questions about
the probable length of time before
his trial and was interested in in-
formation concerning court proce-
dure.

Wants to Plead Own Cause.
Hickman expressed a wish to be
able to conduct his own defense.
He had been reading in the news-
papers of the Remus trial at Cin-
cinnati, and indicated that he
would like to try his hand as an
attorney. However, he showed ig-
norance of court procedure.

Pursuing a questioning when
he is taken into custody by the Los
Angeles authorities, he asked about
members of the official party. He
said he had heard about District
Attorney Keyes and Chief of De-
tectives Cline, and he seemed to be
mustering his forces to match wits
with those officers.

"Police have learned that you
used to have soap and two cans
of cleaning powder in removing
blood stains in your apartment at-
ter Marian was killed," Hickman
was told.

"That's not true," the reply came
in a steady voice.

Hickman spent a restless night,
contrasting with the sound sleep
of his first night in jail. He fell
into slumber at 10:45 o'clock last
night and slept until 12:30, to-
day. He was awake for an hour
and then slept until 6 a. m.

He had a wakeful period and
again jumped into a dose, awaken-
ing finally about 6 o'clock. He had
breakfast of egg sandwiches and
coffee. Since being put in the jail
he has been served nothing but
mashed potatoes. He is allowed to have
no utensils at all. He expressed a
desire to abstain from meat and
his diet has been principally eggs.
Los Angeles officials headed by
District Attorney Keyes and Chief
of Detectives Cline, passed through
Pendleton this morning on their
way to Pendleton, where they will
take Hickman into custody. The
officers indicated a belief that the
kidnaper would break and make
confessions when confronted
with additional information
they have.

"Hickman will not be hard to
promote," Keyes said. "As I see
it the case is a simple one—but it
is the most atrocious crime that I
have ever handled."

Keyes said a complete statement
would be taken from Hickman at
once and then he would be started
back to Los Angeles as soon as
possible. It was indicated that the
prisoner would be taken as far as
Northern California and then
be taken up by an airplane for the
last leg of the trip.

"Los Angeles was bitter when we
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Pilgrimage to Scene of
Birth of Jesus in Judea

Christians and Non-Believers Crowd Ancient
Road to Bethlehem to Worship
the Savior.

By the Associated Press.
BETHLEHEM, Judea, Dec. 24.—
The original Christmas story will
be re-enacted tonight in this little
Palestine town. On the eve of the
Nativity all who are Christians and
many who are not, come to Beth-
lehem to worship at the shrine of
the Savior's birth.

It is not far from Jerusalem. A
car or motorbus brings visitors
here in 15 minutes ordinarily, but
at this season the narrow road
which links the scenes of the birth
and death of Jesus Christ is crowd-
ed and transportation is slow. Au-
tomobiles, "gharries," motor-cy-
cles, busses, donkeys and bicycles
all crowd one another in strange
confusion.

It requires a strong imagination
to realize that this is the same
road traveled by the Three Wise
Men from the East who came to
welcome the Savior with gifts of
gold, frankincense and myrrh. The
dusty path trod 1927 years ago is
now a modern highway.

Country Virtually Unchanged.
The surrounding fields, grazing
ground for sheep and goats have
changed too, but in a lesser de-
gree. A few villas, the homes of
Bethlehemites who made small for-
tunes in the manufacture of soap
in the United States are seen on
the surrounding farms. Otherwise
the fields are the same.

Near Bethlehem on the rounded
breast of a great hill, there stands
a walled enclosure of two or three
acres, planted thickly with olive
trees and other luxurious growths

in startling contrast to the barren-
ness of the surrounding hills. This
is the field where the shepherds
watched their flocks on the first
Christmas eve. Here, says St. Luke,
"The Angel of the Lord came upon
them, and the glory of the Lord
shone round about them; and they
were sore afraid."

"And the angel said unto them,
fear not; for behold, I bring you
good tidings of great joy, which
shall be to all people, for unto you
is born this day in the City of Da-
vid, a Savior, which is Christ the
Lord. And this shall be a sign
unto you: ye shall find the babe
wrapped in swaddling clothes, ly-
ing in a manger."

Follow Route of Shepherds.
And so the shepherds, filled with
wonder, started out for Beth-
lehem over the same route the pil-
grims and other visitors are tread-
ing today.

From the field where the shep-
herds watched the Star of the East,
one soon reaches the heart of
Bethlehem. The town retains its
ancient appearance, with its nar-
row, winding, ill-paved alleys
through which a carriage or au-
tomobile scarcely can squeeze. A
few of the newer houses have
bright red tiles, but the older ones
are either domed or have flat roofs
made to catch rain water for stor-
age against the dry season, just as
they did in the days when Herod
was Tetrarch of Galilee, and Mary
"brought forth her first-born son,
and wrapped Him in swaddling
clothes, and laid Him in a manger;
because there was no room for
them in the inn."

Today was one day in the year
when gloomy atmosphere of the
city only served to accentuate for
most people the joyful prospect of
tomorrow's Christmas. A tinge in
the air added to the customary
bustle of Christmas eve.

Thanks to the calendar, which
brings 1927's Yuletide on Sunday,
there will be a double holiday. Vir-
tually all business will be suspend-
ed Monday for the legal observance
of the occasion. Churches to-
morrow will have special services,
with more elaborate musical pro-
grams than ordinary. In recognition
of the religious origin of the day.

The residential districts tonight
will be visited by strolling groups
of carol singers, who will stop
wherever a light is placed in a win-
dow and sing the old-time Christ-
mas songs. Donations given them
by listeners will be distributed
through the Christmas Carolers As-
sociation and other social
agencies. This traditional custom
in St. Louis carries the flavor of
old English Christmas. Carolers
also appeared in restaurants yester-
day and today.

No School for 10 Days.
School children are having a 10-
day holiday, which began at most
schools with entertainments yester-
day. They will not have to return
to their desks till Tuesday, Jan. 2.
A week hence a legal holiday on
Monday will follow New Year's on
Sunday.

Although more Christmas gifts
are being handled by the
St. Louis Postoffice this year than
last, their aggregate volume is
smaller. Postmaster Michener said.
He argued from this that the fash-
ion has become to give more and
smaller gifts. About 2,000,000
packages were being delivered to
residents of St. Louis and county
suburbs today—slightly more than
two years ago. The practice of
sending gifts by Thursday when
about 1,000,000 letters daily. The practice
of getting up cards of purely per-
sonal nature and design is grow-
ing.

In addition to 2400 regular post-
al workers here there are 400 sub-
stitutes and 1200 extra employes
on the rolls for the season, and
some of them have had to work as
long as 16 hours a day.

Monday morning this annual Chris-
mas party of the Post-Dispatch
Christmas Festival Committee will
be given in the Coliseum. Guests
will number 12,000 youngsters.
The organization also will distrib-
ute 6000 baskets of supplies and
gifts to needy children.

Luncheon clubs and other or-
ganizations have been having par-
ties all week for children, with
particular attention to those who
might otherwise be neglected. Pub-
lic and private institutions have
arranged parties for their young, old
and middle-aged inmates, most of
whom will receive gifts through
friends of the institutions. Many
social, civic and patriotic organiza-
tions are distributing baskets and
gifts among deserving families. Ef-
forts have been made to centralize
such giving through community
agencies, to avoid duplication.

Various clubs and organizations
have had luncheon Christmas par-
ties for their own solicitation.
Such a party at the Chamber of
Commerce Thursday was attended
by about 600 men and women. A
similar number attended a cele-
bration this noon at the City Club.
Usually open on Sundays, the
Missouri Historical Society museum
in Jefferson Memorial, Forest
Park, will be closed tomorrow and
on New Year's day. The celebra-
tion of Lindberghiana there continues
to draw many visitors. The 1926
world's championship pennant of
the Cardinals was placed there re-
cently.

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employes yesterday received a
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CAROLERS TONIGHT
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By the Associated Press.
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Dec. 24.—Two American branch
banks in Buenos Aires were
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place at the building of the Bu-
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MRS. GRAYSON UNREPORTED
IN AIRPLANE FLIGHT FROM
NEW YORK TO HARBOR GRACE

MRS. FRANCES W. GRAYSON.

LAST SIGHTED
NEAR BOSTON;
NO WORD OF
HER ON RADIO

Woman and Two Men Be-
lieved to Have Been
Forced Down, Remote
From Communications.

WEATHER DESCRIBED
AS NOT UNFAVORABLE

Party Hopped Off on First
Leg of Projected Cruise
to England With Fuel to
Last 20 Hours.

By the Associated Press.
HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24.—All
efforts to find the amphibian plane
of Mrs. Frances W. Grayson and
her three male companions, hours
overdue, proved futile early this
afternoon.

As their gasoline supply was only
enough to last 20 hours after the
start from Roosevelt Field, L. I., or
until 1 o'clock this afternoon, it
was regarded as certain that the
plane had made a forced landing
somewhere between Cape Cod,
where it was last heard from, and
Trinity Bay, N. E., her destination.
The plane was due at Harbor
Grace, N. F., around 7 a. m. today.

No wireless station had received
any message either from the plane
or concerning it from coastal sta-
tions or ships at sea.

Weather conditions over the in-
tended route during the night and
today were not unfavorable, which
being only fresh and visibility good.

Although it was generally be-
lieved the plane was down, it was
considered quite possible that the
descent had been made in some
isolated bay where there was no
danger, but from which commu-
nication was impossible.

By the Associated Press.
HARBOR GRACE, N. F., Dec.
24.—Fair weather, a clear sky and
a very light wind today awaited
the arrival of the Dawn, Mrs.
Frances W. Grayson's big plane,
in which she and three companions
were winging their way here from
New York on the first leg of what
she hopes will be a trans-Atlantic
flight to Crofton, England.

The plane was last reported from
the relay station of the French Ca-
ble Co. on Cape Cod, and it was
believed Oskar Omdal, the pilot,
probably was hiding to an east-
ward course that should have
brought the craft directly over
Nova Scotia on its way here.

Throughout the night a powerful
beacon on Target Hill near the fly-
ing field was kept illuminated and
was maintained as long as neces-
sary, should the weather become
unfavorable. The temperature was
above freezing. The landing field
had a hard even surface and was
in ideal condition. There was no
snow on the ground.

No Report Up to 5:30 A. M.
At 6:30 a. m., local time, no
Newfoundland station had reported
the Dawn, although many observers
had been on watch for hours.

Bundled in fur-lined flying suits
and wearing fur-lined boots, the
fliers left Roosevelt Field yester-
day at 5:07 p. m. They expected
to reach Harbor Grace at 7 o'clock
this morning.

Mrs. Grayson undertook the
flight against the advice of the
Weather Bureau. Dr. James H.
Kimball, meteorologist, said at
New York. He expressed slight
hope that the "Dawn," despite
its pontoons, could long with-
stand the buffeting of the waves,
if, as aviation observers agreed
seemed likely, it made a forced
landing during the night some-
where between Cape Cod and the
coast of Nova Scotia.

The Dawn was last reported defi-
nitely to have passed over Orleans
on Cape Cod, about 70 miles south-
east of Boston and about 70 miles
east of the course which its pilot
had announced he would follow.

Overdue at Nova Scotia.
Points along the Maine coast
watched in vain through the night
for the plane, while the radio sta-
tion outside Chubasco Head, at the
entrance to Halifax Harbor, waited
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DEPUTIES ACCUSED
OF SHOOTING MEN
TO GAIN REWARD

Two Mexicans Killed Near
Bank at Stanton, Tex.,
Third Seriously Wounded
by Officers' Shots.

By the Associated Press.
MIDLAND, Tex., Dec. 24.—As
a result of investigation of an al-
leged plot to collect the \$5000 re-
ward offered for Texas bank rob-
bers, "dead or alive," two officers
today are charged with murder in
connection with the slaying of two
Mexicans and the wounding of an-
other. The reward is of long
standing.

C. C. Buzz, Deputy Sheriff, and
his companion, Lee Smith, said
they fired at the three Mexicans
when they suspected them of at-
tempting to rob a bank at Stanton,
Tex., yesterday.

Victory Ramos, shot four times
by the officers and beaten over the
head, testified at a preliminary
hearing that he and his two com-
panions were "planted" in front of
the Stanton Bank. He declared
that he and Hilario Nunez and Nor-
berto Diaz, were taken to Stanton
on a promise of obtaining employ-
ment.

Ramos said that on arrival there
they were told to stand in front of
the bank. About the time they took
up their positions five started in a
nearby church. At this juncture,
Ramos testified, the officers ap-
peared and started shooting.

Nunez and Norberto fell dead.
Ramos, although struck by four
bullets, was only slightly wounded.
He displayed scalp wounds he said
were caused by the butt of a pis-
tol wielded by one of the officers.

Base, confined at the Midland
County Jail here, denied the charges
made by Ramos. He insisted he
and Smith opened fire only after
they were convinced the men in-
tended to rob the bank. He con-
tended they were within the law in
shooting at supposed robbers. Smith
was taken to a jail at Big Springs,
in Howard County.

Authorities reported that no fire-
arms were found on the Mexicans.
M. Massie, president of the State
Bankers' Association, which offered
the reward, declared his organiza-
tion "would not pay a reward for a
thing like that."

Enrique Liekens, Mexican Con-
sul at El Paso, Tex., when informed
of the shooting, immediately tele-
graphed for a full report. He de-
clared that if the facts warranted
he would present the case to the
Mexican and the United States Gov-
ernments.

"Lindy" Double Ace in Mexico.
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—A
group of Mexican workmen were
playing dominoes in a corner of a
saloon. One of them said in Span-
ish: "I play Lindy." An American
who happened to be there
looked curiously to see what "Lin-
dy" could be. It was the double
ace.

5 PERSONS DIE IN
FIRE ON MISSOURI
FARM; 4 INJURED

Three Girls and Boy Perish
and Their Mother Is
Badly Burned in Blaze
Near Louisiana.

By the Associated Press.
LOUISIANA, Mo., Dec. 24.—
Four children were burned to
death and a man fatally in-
jured when fire destroyed a two-
story frame house on the Winlaco
farm, one mile east of Riverland,
a station on the Burlington Rail-
road, near here, at 6:30 o'clock
this morning.

Lorine Sturgeon, 15 years old;
Vena Rose Sturgeon, 6; Arthur
Sturgeon, 5, and Pearl Sturgeon, 8
months old, were killed. Their
mother shared the house with
Thomas Kelley, a horse dealer, for-
merly of Pleasant Hill, who was
living on the farm during the win-
ter, pasturing several heads of
horses. He died this afternoon
from injuries suffered when a can
of gasoline exploded when he used
it to kindle a fire, resulting in the
blaze.

Kelly's clothing was burned off
his body. Mrs. Sturgeon was badly
burned about the face and neck
and Tom Kelley, a son of Thomas
Kelley, was burned about the face
and on one hand.

Voila Sturgeon, 16, Virgie Stur-
geon, 10, and Charles Reynolds,
12, jumped from second floor win-
dows. Both girls were injured.

THREE-MONTHS-OLD BIRD
FLIES ACROSS ATLANTIC

Arctic Tern, Banded in Labrador,
Is Found 4200 Miles Away
in France.

By the Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—An-
other trans-Atlantic flight record
has been made, this time by an ex-
treme youth—an Arctic tern less
than three months old, which was
found at Port Duval, France, less
than 400 miles from where it had
flown from Labrador, a distance
of about 4200 miles.

It was one of a number banded
by Oliver T. Austin, of Tuckahoe,
N. Y., during an expedition to
Barfin Land, at the Iced Islands,
Turnevick, Labrador, on July 22,
1927, when the bird was between
one and five days old.

U. S. INDICTMENT SPEEDS HICKMAN'S RETURN FOR TRIAL

One Andrew Cramer Found And He Knows Confessed Abductor of Girl, But He Has Been in Jail.

CONFLICTING CLEWS PUZZLE DETECTIVES

Officers Doubt Youth Had Any Accomplishes, But There Are Several Indications That He Had.

By the Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—The search for "Andrew Cramer," named by William Edward Hickman, confessed kidnaper and accused murderer of 12-year-old Marian Parker, as the actual slayer of the girl, took a new start today. Police announced that three Cramers who had been investigated had been cleared of suspicion. Two of them, Andrew Oliver Cramer, who sometimes spells his name with a K, and his brother, Frank, have been prisoners in the county jail since last August. The third brother, Albert, has been working for his father in Lankershim, police said.

Andrew Cramer was jailed Aug. 18 for bootlegging, Frank Aug. 12, for robbery.

"I don't know why he (Hickman) picks on me," said Andrew. Federal indictment voted.

Assurance that Hickman would not delay his return to California by fighting extradition was given yesterday when he was indicted by the federal grand jury on a charge of violating the Dyer act.

The indictment was based on his transportation of a stolen automobile to California from Kansas City. Officers pointed out that under the federal indictment, Hickman could be returned to this state from Pendleton, Ore., immediately regardless of any possible extradition fight.

Gov. Young yesterday afternoon signed papers returning Hickman to California. The papers were signed on a grand jury indictment returned before Judge Charles Burnell charging Hickman with kidnapping and murder.

Kansas City Man Sought.

One man for whom detectives renewed their search for questioning was named as Horace W. Taylor, 22 years old. Police had reported that he accompanied Hickman here from Kansas City. They attended high school together, and were reported to have left Kansas City at about the same date. Taylor is said to have spent a few weeks in a Missouri asylum last January and February.

Police never have credited Hickman's story that he had two accomplices, a man and woman, who he said were Andrew Cramer and June Dunning. Hickman, one detective remarked, is "the most plausible liar in the world."

The hunt for the Dunning woman also has run up against a blank wall. Frank Cramer told police that a Rose Dunning mentioned by his brother was Frank's wife and that he had never heard of a June Dunning. His wife, he said, had a sister, Mabel Dunning, but that she had died nine months ago.

The Andrew Cramer in jail, when shown Hickman's photograph, said he had a vague recollection of knowing him and when pressed for the time, declared it was about last June.

Several Unsolved Puzzles. Police, who have maintained that Hickman was alone in the kidnapping and murder, as yet have failed to obtain a satisfactory answer to the number of clues and testimony of witnesses tending to show that Hickman did have confederates. They have not been able to solve the problem of how he brought into the case the name of Andrew Cramer and the Dunning woman.

Considered as one of the most significant points possibly supporting Hickman's story of an accomplice was the report last night that a stranger answering the description of Hickman's "Andrew Cramer" called at the Herald Hotel in San Francisco the night after Hickman had left there in his flight to the north.

The stranger asked for "the man who had 500." Hickman's room had been No. 402. In his confession, Hickman had said that he and Cramer were to meet at the hotel.

Indications of Accomplices. To these developments are numerous indications that at least the kidnapping was not the work of a single person. Descriptions provided by telephone office clerks show that two different men filed separate telegrams addressed to Perry M. Parker, the girl's father, in connection with the ransom demands. One of the men was accompanied to the telephone office by a woman.

A handwriting expert expressed the opinion that a woman might have written one of the ransom letters from the kidnaper to Parker.

Two residents of the apartment house where Hickman made his home during the time of the kidnapping and killing told of having

Alienist Says Hickman Is Sane

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left—they may cool down some before we get back," said Chief of Police Davis, a member of the party. "Hickman had been caught within 72 hours of the crime a lynching would have been inevitable."

Hickman issued a statement yesterday warning the young men of America to "go straight." He whined as he assured himself aloud that he did not kill the girl he kidnapped. He tried to assure himself that he was "decent"—like he did not drink or dissipate—that he did not associate with women. The change in his demeanor came after crowds of citizens were allowed to file past his cell and look at him. More questions shot him by newspaper men only accentuated his desire to talk—to explain.

Sticks to Story of Accomplish. Andrew Cramer, his alleged accomplice, Hickman continued to lay the responsibility for the murder and mutilation of the girl. He stuck to the story even after being told the man he said was Cramer, had been held in a Los Angeles jail since August.

"Well, this must be some trick of the man I know as Cramer to get me in bad," he said. "I've never thought of this a long time back. I only knew him by the name of Cramer; perhaps he assumed the name of a man in jail to double-cross me."

"Yes," Cramer knows you," an officer suggested.

"Yes; and I know Cramer," the youth retorted.

Allenist Observes Prisoner. Dr. W. D. McNary, psychiatrist and superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Asylum for the Insane, visited Hickman and listened to his story.

"I observed him from a medical and professional viewpoint," the doctor said, "and saw nothing out of the ordinary about him. His mind seemed clear and he told a straight, coherent story. He was never at a loss for words. There was nothing about him to indicate insanity."

"I found no outward evidence of perversion. Of course, such perversion and such inclinations are generally hidden and often difficult to detect."

Admits Robberies in St. Louis. Hickman yesterday told of a career of crime that carried him through many cities before he came to the Pacific Coast.

Hickman boasted of his deeds of outlawry as he told of skipping from city to city. In some of the cities, he said, he got "fine write-ups."

As he calmly discussed his travels, he remarked:

"My brain must be warped, or I could not have thought I could go through with this."

Robberies in St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago, O., were admitted by Hickman.

Following his return to his mother's home in Kansas City last July after being paroled from his conviction for forgery in the bank at Los Angeles where he had been employed, Hickman said he stole an automobile. It was a Chrysler coupe, but not the one that figured in the recent kidnapping.

He took it from an Independence (Mo.) man in Kansas City.

"I drove directly to Chicago, where I paid \$11 as a week's rent for an apartment at the Paradise Arms, on Washington boulevard," he said. "They will remember me because I gave the name Edward Hickman. The room was the second apartment from the rear on the right side. I forgot the name, but he left Chicago and headed toward Toledo, Cincinnati and other cities in that district, but did not stop."

"I did not know just what I wanted to do. After going through Pittsburgh I picked up a member of the Pennsylvania State police. You can check on this, for he rode with me more than 20 miles."

"He had been investigating a case and had left his horse behind and hailed me as I was driving along the highway. I had a portable phonograph which I had to move over to make room for him. I had dropped the Missouri license plates on the car, and had Michigan licenses from a Ford car. I told him I was from Detroit, although I had never been in Detroit. He surprised me by saying that he had a brother who was an officer in Detroit; and that he had visited him several times. Fearing that he might learn that I was unfamiliar with Detroit, I avoided making any comments about the city."

Tells of Touring East.

"We arrived at the town where the barracks for the State troops are located, Queensburg, I believe the name was, a town of 10,000 or 15,000 inhabitants. He invited me to eat with him. His name was O'Connell or O'Donnell. He bought me a good steak and before I left he took a road map and spent 15 minutes telling me how to get to Philadelphia. He told me that I returned that way he would like to show me through the barracks."

"I went to Philadelphia, but I did not like the apartments or the one-way streets, so I went on to

seen Hickman and another man carrying parcels and a suit case from the apartment on last Saturday night, the night that the girl's dismembered body was discovered. The next day the severed parts of the body were found scattered along the road.

The police theory early in the case was that accomplices might have kept the kidnaper informed of police activities. This would explain his failure to keep the ransom rendezvous on which a police trap had been set.



WILLIAM E. HICKMAN in jail at Pendleton, Ore., after his arrest.

Gettysburg. I paid a guide two or three dollars to take me over the battlefield. He then said he visited Washington, Baltimore, Jersey City, where he ferried to Manhattan. He stayed in New York three days at 324 West Fifty-fourth, or West Fifty-eighth street, where a sign saying "furnished rooms" was displayed. He did not like New York and left on the third day.

He said he had committed robberies in St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago and Columbus, O., but did not think that he had committed any in the other towns he had passed through. He doubled back, going through Kansas, toward Missouri and then to West Virginia. He dodged Pittsburgh and headed for Columbus, where he rented an apartment on Broad street.

"On Oct. 31, I held up three places in less than 30 minutes, and I think I set a record for the town," he said.

He passed through Indianapolis and went to St. Louis, where he said he held up several persons. One night while leaving St. Louis he fired a shot in a drug store just to convince the proprietor that the meat was really loaded and that he meant business. He returned to Kansas City, where he abandoned the car, leaving the gears locked and throwing the key away.

The car which figured in the Los Angeles kidnapping case was stolen in Kansas City. Hickman then drove out across Kansas, toward California, but had a premonition that things would not go well for him there and turned back to St. Louis, he said. From that city he went to Oklahoma and Texas, and while in El Paso he purchased another pistol. He then went north and west through New Mexico, passing through Phoenix, Ariz., at night.

Hickman came on through to San Diego, where he passed through Yuma, Ariz., and the Imperial Valley. He was stopped by Federal officers looking for mail thieves and was taken to the Imperial Valley. He was released directly from Los Angeles to San Diego, where he paid a month's rent. He is positive this was on Nov. 23. On Thanksgiving day he went to San Diego, and on the return trip he said he picked up Andrew Cramer and June Dunning and when he let them out he understood they were going to a hotel. Before leaving Cramer made arrangements to meet him two days later at the apartment. Hickman said, where plans were made for a series of robberies.

"I was lonesome and wanted to get someone's company. You see I have had everyone against me for so long. I have not had a date with a girl for over a year. You can see how easy it would be for me to be fooled by him."

Many officers have expressed the belief that Hickman alone was responsible both for the kidnapping and the mutilation.

Hickman welcomed the Rev. W. H. Robbins, Baptist minister, on his first visit to the cell, and asked that he return again. Chief of Police Tom Gurdane, one of Hick-

man's captors, accompanied the minister into the cell. The pastor talked on religious matters with the boy, leaving a little booklet "about a fellow that was in the same fix I am," Hickman later explained.

Prisoner's Warning to Youth. Hickman's warning to young men to avoid ways of crime, as he dictated it to City Attorney Randall, follows:

"This affair has gained nationwide publicity and the great war and search by the people of the West Coast show opposition of the American people to criminal tendencies. Kidnaping and savage murders are the worst of American crimes and everything should be done to prevent anyone from interfering in any way with the liberty and life of American citizenship."

"Young men and college students should consider the Parker case as a typical crime of the worst that can happen when a young man gradually loses interest in family, friends and his own honesty."

"The young men of this country can see that I can pass as an ordinary young man as far as outward appearances go. See how I tried to go with every young man wants, but in becoming a criminal I do so I put my own life in a mess and the way out is dark."

"I hope I can do some good by giving you this warning. Think it over, see my mistake. Be honest and upright. Respect the law. If you do these things you'll be happier in the end and you will have gained much more from life."

Hickman volunteered the information that he had planned to return the girl alive and uninjured to her family. He said he had planned to return the girl to her father, but "come through" with the ransom. The murder of the girl by "Cramer" was entirely unexpected by Hickman, he said.

"The only reason he had to kill her and dismember the body was in order to get her into a suitcase which he could carry without arousing suspicion, he said. Asked to explain why he used the expression, "I am doing a solo" in some of his letters to the girl's father, if he was acting with a confederate, Hickman indicated that he did not have a definite idea of the meaning of the word. He said he had overheard the word when he was in jail.

"There was no need of me using that word. I just thought it was clever like the words 'Fox' and 'Fate.' These names he signed to ransom letters."

Marian "Sure a Nice Girl." "I know Parker doesn't feel as terrible about this as I do," Hickman muttered.

"Marian was sure a nice little girl," he kept repeating. "She didn't even cry when I told her I was kidnapping her, she just said she didn't think her father had the money but she hoped he would get it. She was a pretty little thing."

On that first visit, Hickman, known as Donald Evans, according to the apartment house owner, sat up in bed watching his pursuers as they searched his apartment without arousing their suspicion.

The chain of evidence began with the discovery that one of the towels wrapped around a part of the girl's body was obtained at the apartment house. In succeeding days the apartment yielded stained towels, the stains proving to be blood and apparently were made on the day of the murder; a strand of hair identified as Marian's; a

GALE AGAIN HALTS EFFORTS OF NAVY TO SALVAGE S-4

One Lifting Cable Had Been Passed Under and Tunnel For Second Started When Storm Set In.

By the Associated Press.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 24.—With one tunnel completed under the sunken submarine S-4 and work started on a second, operations were at a halt today because of a gale and rough sea.

The completed tunnel was about 19 feet at the bow. A four-inch manila rope was passed under and looped. The same procedure will be followed when the second opening is forced through the mud, 46 feet from the bow. Then stout battleship cables will replace the manila and both lines will be in readiness to be attached to lifting pontoons.

A 40-mile northwest wind kicked up high seas today. Diving operations were impossible under such conditions, officials decided. The temperature ranged around 15 above zero.

Secretary of the Navy Wilbur and Admiral Charles F. Hughes, chief of naval operations, arrived here shortly before 11 a. m. today to make a personal inspection of salvage operations.

Secretary Wilbur at 2 p. m. ordered salvage operations continued. The announcement was made after a conference with Rear Admiral Brumby and other naval officers aboard the Falcon. Present also at the conference was Admiral Hughes. The Navy Department went aboard the Falcon shortly after his arrival. He inspected the work and then listened to reports of what had been done.

The initial burrowing operations were not accomplished without considerable delay to the 10 divers employed in the work.

Three of the 10 divers met with mishaps before the squad was called off duty last night. Frank Criley was blown to the surface when an air valve in his diving suit opened and an excessive amount of air rushed in. Six members of the Falcon's crew leaped to the divers' platform to haul him from the cold water.

Frank Matto's diving suit was cut on jagged pieces of steel while he was on the deck of the S-4 and although the suit filled with water from feet to shoulders, he stuck to his job for an hour. He was pulled off the S-4 in September, 1925, after 12 years old, and Edward May Robinson, 10, were unhurt.

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Leader of Holdup Gang in Cisco, Tex., Dressed as Santa Claus, Obtains \$12,000 Cash in Sack.

By the Associated Press.

CISCO, Tex., Dec. 24.—Gun play resulting from an unsuccessful attempt of a robber dressed as Santa Claus to lead four companions in the robbery of the First National Bank here caused the death of one officer and left at least eight persons wounded.

The "Santa Claus" robber confronted Alex Spears, cashier, shortly after noon yesterday with a pistol and orders "to reach for some cash."

Spears complied, four more robbers lined up bank officials and customers and began scooping up all the cash in sight. A woman escaped from a side door and called police. When officers appeared in the street the robbers took their loot and using two men as a shield, ran toward two automobiles.

When they reached the sidewalk they grabbed two school children and carried them to one of their two cars, in which four of the robbers started away. The fifth was shot and probably fatally wounded when he attempted to start the second machine.

Fire of the officers on their companion was returned by the four shielded by the children. While the robbers concentrated their fire on police, they also shot at random at customers of the bank and pedestrians.

Chief of Police G. E. Bedford fell mortally wounded. Marian Olson, Harvard student, was shot as he stepped from the car where he had been ordered to stand by them.

Spears received a bullet in the jaw. George Carmichael, police officer, was shot in the head. R. L. Day, a waiter, received a scalp wound when he pointed a pistol at the robbers and he failed to fire. Brady Boggs, volunteer posseman, also received a flesh wound and broke a leg when he fell. Two other men were slightly wounded.

As the first machine sped out of range, officers captured the wounded robber. He gave the name of Louis Davis. Poses immediately gave chase and found the car used by the fugitives in the brush country several miles from town. The children, Laverne Comer, 12 years old, and Edward May Robinson, 10, were unhurt.

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Special to the Post-Dispatch.

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Barclay, who is listed as owning 100 shares of Class A preferred stock, was confronted in court by a number of lawyers representing holders of other classes of stock, and headed by Charles Evans Hughes.

The opposition asked that the Court, if any injunction were granted, exclude from the provision which has been made for the payment of \$123,000 dividends to Class B stockholders. Judge Winslow remarked that it did not seem that payment of that amount to Class B stockholders would jeopardize the interests of Class A stockholders and reserved decision.

A defendant in the proceedings is William Fraser Dickson, who is said to hold more than 50,000 shares, common and preferred. Dickson, through his attorneys, contended that Class A stock is not cumulative, which is the premise on which Barclay bases his application.

\$100,000 FOR ORPHANAGE

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Pacific Hebrew Orphan Asylum and Home Society of San Francisco has been bequeathed \$100,000 outright and the residuary estate of Robert Fogel, jeweler, under the terms of his will, filed here. Fogel was once an inmate of the institution. The fund is to finance discharged wards of the home when they start out in business life.

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IGOE SUPPORTS WILSON FOR GOVERNORSHIP

Indorsement Expected to Aid Kansas Citizen's Campaign Among Democrats.

William L. Igoe, former Congressman and Democratic nominee for Mayor in 1925, in a formal statement, yesterday announced his support of Francis M. Wilson of Kansas City, former United States District Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, for the Democratic nomination for Governor, giving considerable impetus to Wilson's St. Louis campaign, which had been lagging.

It is the expectation of Wilson's friends that the Igoe statement will serve to solidify St. Louis Democratic support and that the party organization will favor his nomination. He has the support of the Pendergast organization in Kansas City and of William Hirth, head of the Missouri Farmers' Association. Igoe said he considered Wilson particularly well qualified to fill the office of Governor because of his long experience as a State Senator, as District Attorney and as one of the receivers of the Kansas City Railways Co.

"This State needs a man as Governor with just his training in the Legislature, in the law and in business," Igoe said. "He will put an end to the extravagance, waste and conditions that are the result of something worse than incompetence. He will give us an administration that will not only end the many scandals which have disgraced the State, but one that will turn the light into the dark places and expose and prosecute any who may have been guilty of wrongdoing."

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JURY MUST MAKE APOLOGY TO COURT

Members of Panel Ordered to Explain Why They Signed Petition Involving Perjury Charge.

By the Associated Press. CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—Describing the petition from jurors in the George Remus murder trial, requesting that a perjury indictment against John S. Berger, Los Angeles exposition promoter and witness in the Remus case, be nolle prossed, Judge Chester R. Shook today held Berger in contempt of court for presenting the petition.

Berger apologized profusely to the court, saying he did not intend to sign the petition and did not know its contents until four of the jurors had signed it. Berger presented the petition to Judge Shook yesterday afternoon.

The petition related that the jury had based its verdict largely upon Berger's testimony and reiterated frequently that it believed Berger told the truth.

Judge Shook ordered that all of the jurors who sat in the Remus case be summoned before him in court Tuesday to tell "why they signed such a document and give the circumstances under which they did so."

"The jurors," Judge Shook said, "will be given time to explain why and how they signed such a petition, and to make apologies to the court. They will be dealt with drastically if they fail to do so."

Judge Shook also instructed Berger to appear in court Tuesday.

Judge Shook said he sent Charles S. Gurnea, court bailiff, to the jail to get the jurors.

George Remus, learned from the jury dictated the petition to Vernon H. Chumby, Federal prisoner from the Leavenworth, Kan., penitentiary, who was brought here to testify for Remus. Chumby, in custody of Federal agents, started last night for Leavenworth.

Judge Shook declined to pass sentence on Berger immediately. He wanted to do so "dispassionately" and felt that "it could not be done at this time in view of my frame of mind."

Attorney Charles Elston, representing Berger, announced that he would withdraw from the Berger case, after a motion to quash the perjury indictment has been disposed of. He stated that he would not represent Berger in the contempt case.

Allegedly appointed by Probate Judge William L. Lusk, yesterday announced his first preliminary examination of George Remus, whose mental condition will determine whether he will go free or to an insane asylum, for killing his wife, Ingeborg, here Oct. 6, last. Drs. H. D. McIntyre, Thomas A. Rattiff and Herman H. Thompson, who will represent the Probate Court, will withhold their opinions until the sanity hearing begins Dec. 28.

Judge Lusk took no action on a motion filed by Remus for an earlier sanity hearing or admission to bond. The motion, presented by Gabriel Ryerson, brother-in-law of Remus, said County Prosecutor Charles P. Taff, during the murder trial, had admitted to the jury that Remus was sane.

Remus reminded the Court that he had now been in jail "68 days" and that the attorneys who defended him during the murder trial said he was sane.

U. S. ENGINEER DROWNED WHEN WHITE RIVER LEVEE CAVES IN

W. H. Gowan, 62, of Caruthersville, Mo., Precipitated Into Stream Near Des Arc, Ark.

By the Associated Press. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 24.—W. H. Gowan Sr., 62 years old, assistant United States engineer working with White River forces under J. M. Connelly at Memphis, was drowned today at Jackson Bayou, near Des Arc, Ark. The body had not been recovered at noon.

Gowan, whose home was at Caruthersville, Mo., met death while inspecting some levee work engineers were doing in Jackson Bayou where the flood waters of the White River had broken through. He stepped too near the edge of the river bank and the levee caved under him, and he was carried away by the swift current.

Gowan had been in the service of the United States Engineers for 34 years.

Accused of Killing Husband.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—After deliberating two and a half hours, a jury last night acquitted Mrs. Minnie Gorman of the charge of slaying her husband, Police Sgt. James V. Gorman, Gorman was shot and killed at his home Oct. 24. Mrs. Gorman said the shooting was accidental.

They Got the Kidnapers



By Wire to the Post-Dispatch.

CHIEF OF POLICE GURDANE of Pendleton, Ore., and State

Traffic Officer Lueallen, who pursued the Los Angeles kidnapers as he sped over highway and took him into custody. They are generally believed to have first claim in the division of the reward of more than \$50,000 offered for the capture of Hickman. Gurdane is a native of Shelbyville, Mo.

MRS. GRAYSON HOURS

OVERDUE ON FIRST LEG OF OCEAN FLIGHT

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for signals from the craft. The plane was due at Nova Scotia before midnight, but no word of its passing had been received at that time.

Two water jumps, out of sight of land, lay before the flyers. If they proceeded north from Cape Cod, from the Cape to Yarmouth, N. S., the Dawn had to water hop 250 miles and a stretch of 150 miles over water from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland.

With Mrs. Grayson were beside Pilot Omdal, Brice Goldsborough, radio operator and navigator, who accompanied the aviator on three previous futile attempts to fly from Old Orchard, Me., to Copenhagen, Denmark, and Fred E. Koehler, motor expert.

Koehler will not go with them on the trans-Atlantic flight, but left for Harbor Grace to give the Dawn's two motors a final test.

When it took off from Roosevelt Field the plane carried 500 gallons of gasoline and weighed 10,000 pounds. The wings were coated with glycerine to prevent the freezing of fog.

MORE COMMUNISTS EXECUTED IN ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN

By the Associated Press. SHANGHAI, Dec. 24.—The anti-communist campaign in Hankow continued today with arrests and executions. The military force arrested a number of Russians, including the manager of the soviet state purchasing agency.

Japanese police searched the Japanese concession and turned six alleged Chinese reds over to the authorities. "Another communist leader was executed. A census of Russians in Hankow, Hanyang and Wuchang was underway with a view to the deportation of those considered undesirable."

Military authorities were closing all soviet state trading establishments. In a proclamation, the garrison commander declared that all soviet Russians must be expelled, relations with Russia broken and that anyone harboring bolsheviks would face death.

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Hankow was informed that three Italian missionary fathers had been captured and taken to Chenchow, Province of Honan. The Bishop appealed to Marshal Feng Yuxiang to effect their release.

JAMES H. NAIDEN, 35, MISSING

St. Louis Police Asked to Seek Resident of Joplin, Mo.

Local police have been asked to assist in the search for James H. Naiden, 35 years old, an employee of the Eagle-Fitcher Lumber Co., who disappeared from his home, 526 North Sergeant street, Joplin, Mo., last week.

The last heard of Naiden was last Tuesday, when his wife received a telegram from St. Louis in which he stated he was "on his way home" and requested that the Lead company be compensated for expenses. According to R. E. McCormack, local representative of the Eagle-Fitcher company, who is aiding in the search, Naiden is not indebted to the company.

Naiden is described as being 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing about 125 pounds.

Anti-Jewish Rioting Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Recent anti-Jewish rioting in Rumania was discussed with Secretary Kellogg yesterday by representatives of the Committee on the Rights of Religious Minorities. They urged that the Washington Government protest if inquiries disclosed tolerance of student outbreaks.

BARS ALIENS IN CANADA FROM WORKING IN U. S.

Federal Judge Holds Border Crossing Order Valid and Consistent With Immigration Act.

By the Associated Press. BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 24.—United States Judge John R. Hazel sustained yesterday virtually every phase of the new border crossing regulation put into effect Dec. 1. The regulations, prohibiting foreign-born residents of Canada from crossing the border for employment, unless they have a quota immigration visa, he ruled is not inconsistent with the immigrant act, nor with article three of the Jay treaty. It is understood an appeal will be taken.

Virtually every aspect of the problem was covered in the decision which included the dismissal of the writ of habeas corpus obtained when Mary Cook, a native of Scotland, and Antonio Danelon, a native of Italy, were barred by the board of special inquiry when they sought to enter this country for work at Buffalo in violation of the new border rule after it became effective.

Rules Order Is Valid.

Judge Hazel stated that the border crossing order is valid, for power is expressly conferred on the board of special inquiry by the immigration act to establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with the law to effect the carrying out of the immigration act and its object and purposes.

He discovered that the board of special inquiry held and held that the aliens by its issuance are not deprived of any rights given them by the immigration act.

To come for business, Judge Hazel stated within the meaning of the immigration act, indicates a temporary purpose to engage in business transactions as a merchant. Congress did not use business in its broadest sense including daily labor in and out of a restriction of the broad term, business, as clearly manifest from the scope of the act, he held.

The opinion stated that the aliens were not passing from one country to another in order to trade or commerce as those terms are ordinarily understood, but simply to work for a daily wage, crossing to homes in Canada in the evening and back in the morning to their homes, and that such free passing and repassing was not contemplated by the Jay treaty or by Congress in the enactment of the immigration act.

Defines Clause of Jay Treaty.

Regarding article three of the Jay treaty, which grants British subjects the right freely to pass or repass by land or navigation into the respective territories of Canada and the United States and conversely to carry on trade and commerce with each other, Judge Hazel ruled that, assuming article III still to be in force, it cannot be considered as including British subjects not born in Canada, whose status is that of aliens and who seek to cross the border solely to labor here or to seek employment at a trade without establishing a domiciliary status as provided in the immigration act of 1924.

FINDS PIGEONS IMMUNE

TO POISON GAS ATTACK

Army Chemists Report Birds Fly Above Noxious Fumes, Return to Their Nests.

By the Associated Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Experiments of the army chemical warfare service in co-operation with the Bureau of Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture indicate that birds are not susceptible to elimination through the use of toxic gases. Farmers who have inquired as to what chemical agents would be used to drive off birds have been told that they show a remarkable degree of resistance to poison gases which cannot be made effective over extended areas.

"During the war it was noted that pigeons usually returned to their cages safely when liberated in a gas cloud," the announcement said. "This was quite a mystery until it was realized that the pigeons escaped by rising quickly above the gas. Tests show that crows fly out of gas clouds in the same way as soon as its irritating effects are felt."

9 ALLEGED BOX CAR ROBBERS HELD, STOLEN SHOES FOUND

Police Investigating Robbery in North St. Louis Yards Find

Police last night arrested nine suspects and recovered 150 pairs of stolen shoes during an investigation into recent thefts from box cars in the North St. Louis railroad yards.

The shoes were recovered from the basement of a house at 229 Antelope street, where four men were arrested. Five other men were subsequently taken into custody for questioning in the robberies.

Last night's arrests followed a report by William Michaels, a Terminal Railroad switchman, who told police he was threatened by several men whom he detected following cases of shoes from a freight car.

2 YOUTHS CAUGHT IN JEWELRY STORE ADMIT 6 HOLDUPS

Confess Filling Station Robbery That Resulted in Death of Policeman on Way to Scene.

Six holdups, one of which resulted indirectly in the death of a policeman, were confessed by two youths following their arrest on suspicion yesterday.

Motorcycle Policeman Oliver W. Cook was injured fatally Dec. 16 when his motorcycle overturned as he was speeding to a gasoline filling station at Carrie and West Florissant avenues where the attendant had been held up by an armed man and robbed of \$26.

This robbery is admitted by Preston Mullins, 19 years old, a clerk, arrested with William Kennedy, 22, who says he is an airplane mechanic.

They were arrested in the jewelry store of Christopher Stamel, 4228 North Twentieth street, who became suspicious because they had visited his place three times without buying. They were inspecting diamonds when he sent out a clerk to get a policeman. She returned with a patrolman and also a former policeman, who conducts nearby confectionery. A revolver was found on Mullins.

Stripped One Victim.

Their confession started when they were identified by Victor Gazzo, 5127 Northland avenue, as the men who forced him into an automobile and were stripped of a street car near his home at 2 a. m. yesterday. The robbers beat him, sat on him, robbed him of \$102 and a \$50 ring, stripped him to his underwear and put him out of the car in St. Louis County.

Other robberies which they confessed were: Drug store at Eleventh and Salisbury streets, where \$210 and 36 cents of whisky were obtained, Dec. 7, oil station at 901 Branch street, Dec. 15; oil station at 2201 North Twentieth street, Dec. 20; oil station at Natural Bridge and Bremen avenues, Dec. 22.

They were planning to hold up Stamel in his jewelry store when arrested, they said.

Jewelry and Purses Taken From

Miss Kathleen Bunyard of Theodore, Ala., visiting at 2753 West Pine boulevard, reported a Negro knocked her down near that address last night and escaped with her purse containing \$12 cash and jewelry worth \$300.

Mrs. William P. McKnight, 6301 Clayton avenue, reported she was jostled and robbed of a purse containing a diamond bracelet valued at \$100 cash and six theater tickets, at Union Station where she had gone to meet her mother.

A total of \$143 was reported taken in holdups at the grocery at 3034 Lucas avenue, and at three filling stations at Beaumont avenue and Pine boulevard, 2746 Washington boulevard and 3200 Olive street. A Negro was identified as a robber by one station manager.

An armed Negro entered a gasoline filling station at 690 North Leffingwell avenue, at 9:15 a. m. today and compelled Robert Allen, the clerk, to open a safe, from which he took a cigar box containing \$65. He then took \$2 from Allen's pockets and escaped.

Saloonkeeper Shot by Robber in \$400 Holdup.

Three robbers who shot and beat Nick Henz, proprietor of a saloon at 3741 Rutger street yesterday afternoon, escaped with between \$400 and \$500 taken from the cash register in the establishment. A bullet fired by one of the robbers struck Henz in the fleshy part of the right shoulder. After he had fallen, the robber struck Henz on the head with the butt of his pistol. Henz's condition at City Hospital today was said to be not serious.

Henz had obtained the money from a bank to cash pay checks of employees of a chain grocery concern which has offices nearby. After Henz gave the men the money, one of them, insisting it wasn't all, fired the shot. The three robbers drove away in a machine driven by the fourth. The automobile was found abandoned last night.

Army Flyers Wreck Bridge After Dropping 78 Bombs

Structure Near Albemarle, N. C., Destroyed After 3 Day's Efforts—Four of Yesterday's 8 Hits Scored by Lieut. Andrew.

By the Associated Press. ALBEMARLE, N. C., Dec. 23.—Thousands of pounds of high explosives hurled from speeding army airplanes a mile and a half above the earth reduced the Swift Island bridge over the Pee Dee River to a twisted mass of concrete and steel yesterday.

Army aviators concluding a series of War Department tests that started the 1000 foot concrete structure, placed eight bombs upon it in its center and showering the immediate vicinity with 70 other projectiles. Four of the eight center hits were scored by Lieut. William K. Andrew of Norfolk, Va. On two previous days the flyers bombed the structure without much effect.

The ships flew in war formation, circled the bridge, aligned their sights and struck for their base at Fort Bragg after releasing their bombs.

Davidson Watches Bombing. Assistant Secretary Davidson and officers from Langley Field, Washington, and Pope Field, Fort Bragg, watched the tests.

The bombing of the Pee Dee river bridge near Albemarle, N. C., by army aviators has, in the opinion of Davidson, demonstrated the effectiveness of the army's bombardment planes, and has furnished the air corps with much valuable information.

It was shown, he said, that it is possible for bombardment planes, flying nearly a mile and a half above their target to destroy a reinforced concrete bridge with 1100-pound bombs and the limitations of smaller types of missiles were proved.

Accuracy in Shooting. "The accuracy was good," he continued. "In fact, it was much better than I had anticipated. A field artillery officer who is a member of the board observing the effects of this bombing told me that an examination of the pattern made by the bombs dropped for the day showed that the probable error was very similar to that for large calibre guns."

"This is the first time we have used a target of this type in bombing practice. I saw a 600-pound bomb hit it which left a crater in the concrete about 5 or 6 feet in width and 30 feet in length, but did not destroy the structure. This is a very valuable lesson for the air corps. We now know that it will take bombs 1100 pounds in weight or larger for use against reinforced concrete bridges."

J. T. MILLIKEN & CO. SOLD TO CHICAGO FIRM

Abbott Laboratories Purchases Chemical Concern—To Operate Plant for White.

The chemical firm of John T. Milliken & Co., 612 South Seventh street, owned entirely by the estate of its founder, John T. Milliken, who died in 1919, was sold today to the Abbott Laboratories, Chicago, manufacturers of medicinal chemicals and pharmaceutical supplies.

A few minutes after Circuit Judge Hartman had authorized trustees of the estate to sell the business, announcement was made that the firm was being sold.

John T. Milliken, president of the Abbott concern, said that his firm was the purchaser. He said the St. Louis plant would be operated for a while at least. The consideration was not disclosed.

Milliken expressed a desire in his will that the business be continued. He stipulated that the estate was to invest \$250,000 cash in the firm. The balance of the estate was to be paid until a cash surplus of \$1,000,000 had been accumulated.

In the decree authorizing the sale, Judge Hartman stated the trustees found it advisable to sell the business, as large losses have been sustained and it has been impossible to accumulate the \$1,000,000 surplus. The company has \$750,000 capital stock.

Consent of the sale was given by Milliken's widow, son and two daughters, who share the income from the trust estate. The trustees are John G. Lonsdale and the National Bank of Commerce.

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WOMAN KILLED, ANOTHER HURT BY STREET CARS

Miss Catherine Johnson, 30, Fatally Injured When Struck While Crossing Jefferson With Friend.

A Coroner's verdict of accident was returned today in the case of Miss Catherine Johnson, an elevator operator, killed last night by being rolled between two street cars.

Accompanied by Miss Marie Helts, a showworker, 1130 Pestalozzi street, Miss Johnson was crossing in the 2800 block of South Jefferson avenue. As they stepped back out of the way of a south-bound Cherokee car, they apparently did not notice a northbound car bearing down on them.

The latter car struck the women. They stepped into its path, knocking them against the south-bound car and rolling them between. Miss Helts suffered a fractured nose and lacerations. Miss Johnson's skull was fractured and her chest was crushed.

It was testified the front platform of the northbound car was even with the rear platform of the other car, indicating that Frank Fritsch, man of the northbound car, had stopped as soon as possible. Neither Fritsch nor Carol Jones, the conductor, testified.

Miss Johnson, who was 30 years old, lived at 2823 South Thirteenth street.

Boy, 6, Fatally Hurt by Street Car in East St. Louis.

John Berzinas, 6 years old, of East St. Louis, was injured fatally yesterday when he ran in front of a street car on Broadway at Seventeenth street, East St. Louis.

Witnesses said the boy was running and apparently did not see the car. He died of a skull fracture last night at St. Mary's Hospital. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Berzinas of 15 South Seventeenth street, East St. Louis. A. R. Saul, motorman of the Broadway car, gave bond to appear at the inquest Tuesday.

MACMILLAN RADIOS COOLIDGE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A Christmas greeting to President and Mrs. Coolidge reached the White House today from the waste of North Labrador through the assistance of an amateur radio operator in Hudson, Mass. The message came from Donald MacMillan on behalf of members of the Field Museum Expedition in North Labrador. It was picked up by Donald Meserve at Hudson, who relayed it to the White House over commercial telegraph lines.

MacMillan radioed: "Members of the Field Museum Scientific Expedition stationed in North Labrador send greetings and wish you and Mrs. Coolidge a very happy Christmas and a most enjoyable New Year." President Coolidge promptly dispatched a letter to MacMillan in care of the Field Museum at Chicago and another to Meserve, thanking him for his courtesy.

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JOSEPH PULTZER.
April 10, 1907.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

HOUSER says he has just returned from a long trip East and finds local street car service superior to New York and Chicago, which would create a great laugh anywhere. There is no comparison at all between Chicago and St. Louis when it comes to transportation. He says the only difference is electric heating of the cars. I'll ask him if he found the Halsted street cars or any other surface cars in Chicago winding all over the city like the Bellefontaine or Cherokee lines in St. Louis. Not a stranger in Chicago knows what car to get on, but not in St. Louis. This is truly the backwoods city of the backwoods State, greatly due to the local transportation service. I would warn my friend, Mr. Houser, to be careful and not make his statements to anybody that has been out of St. Louis as he will put himself in a very embarrassing position. Let him read Mr. Smith's speech on what St. Louis is due for in the next census.

A NATIVE ST. LOUISAN.

Thirsty Dumb Creatures.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

SINCE the cold weather a strange dog—a fine Spitz—has been coming to my home twice a day for a drink of water. He refuses food but goes to the kitchen sink and barks, looking up at the faucets. All owners or lovers of dumb creatures should bear in mind that with frozen ponds the animals and birds have great difficulty in obtaining drinking water.

W. E. SHELDON.

Skjellerup, Where Art Thou?

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

I HAVE read Mr. Kenney's letter about the Skjellerup comet. Will Mr. Kenney please advise some of us who have not seen the inside of a schoolroom for about 50 years and who did not take a course in astronomy here in "ell to look for Vega and Altair and the bright star in the Northern Cross? Can the comet be seen without a telescope?

The first I heard of it, it was seen in Buenos Aires about 10 days ago. I have been looking for it several days just after sundown in a general south-westerly direction, and all I can see is the tower in Compton Hill Reservoir Park and the Missouri Pacific Hospital.

H. G. WOLZENDORF.

Mexico.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

MEXICO is free, says Marion Selby Parsons. Certainly, free to opposition presidential candidates on sight. Why, even the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Washington Pathfinder had no enthusiasm for the recent Mexican "elections."

W. J. SHEA.

Harsh Words From the Sticks.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

HERE you! You are a patriotic intention, now ain't you? Trying to inveigle the voters to put over \$120,000,000 for more Peacock Lanes. You preached fairness to the back country when bond issue votes were wanted before—said vote bonds enough so everybody would get good roads. Now, none but drummers and rich tourists are particularly benefited, and they had a very fine way to travel—the passenger train—before the great expenditure was made. You will be howling for air lines to parallel both concrete and rails before long and will try to keep the back country still stuck into silence.

S. O. CRAIG.

Buckingham Aftermath.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

THE recent fire, loss of life and injury to guests of the Buckingham Annex is still fresh in our memory. Many guests lost all of their personal belongings, some lost treasures which cannot be replaced. The manager of the Buckingham is now out on a \$5000 bond, and it is my personal opinion should be held responsible.

Now, 15 days after some of these unfortunate people were driven out of the cold, facing the necessity of replacing their entire wardrobe, the Buckingham has the unmitigated nerve to send a bill for room rent up to and including the night of the fire. Such nerve has not been equaled before.

H. W. BAUER.

The Ill-Behaved Symphony Audience.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.

NOW that lovers of the Symphony have an opportunity of hearing a capable and well-disciplined orchestra led by representative conductors, wouldn't it be a good idea to point to some of the shortcomings of the audience? The Friday afternoon audience is, mildly speaking, ill-behaved. One would expect more—well, refinement—from people who seek this higher type of intellectual and emotional entertainment. There is always a lot of unnecessary commotion and loud talk that continues long after the conductor has signaled for silence. Can't the management do something?

SUBSCRIBER.

A MATTER OF BUSINESS.

That the per capita property tax in St. Louis is too low, and is therefore an obstacle to the growth of the city has many times been asserted by the Post-Dispatch. It is a view that was strongly corroborated this week by C. E. Smith, for 12 years Consulting Engineer to the city, at a valedictory dinner given him when he left to assume a post with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway.

Mr. Smith's observation is that St. Louis does not spend enough money for growth. In the thirteen years between 1907 and 1920 it receded from fourth to sixth place in the list of American cities because it did not spend enough money to hold its own with ambitious and progressive competitors. He pointed out that we are spending only ten cents a day per capita for the maintenance of the city. His experience with two administrations had been that municipal government here conforms in efficiency and honesty to the American municipal average. That is, while more could be done with the city's income this is not the reason why two other cities have just passed us. They are all afflicted with a degree of wastefulness inseparable from American city government. Our affliction is that we have no such revenue as these other cities have. We are without the means to make a modern American metropolis what it must be to hold its rank. We have plans for municipal growth, such as subways, an airport, an improved river front, plazas, wide streets, etc., but no money to execute them. The Post-Dispatch has been saying this for the past year. The difference is graphically revealed in the total per capita property tax paid in American cities. Here are the figures:

Boston	\$59.60
Pittsburg	58.15
Cleveland	53.51
New York	53.04
Buffalo	52.14
Detroit	52.01
Chicago	50.77
San Francisco	42.94
Philadelphia	42.81
St. Louis	32.82

Mr. Smith thinks that this discrepancy can be in part abated by increasing assessments in secondary business districts. He probably has in mind Grand boulevard, the Kingshighway, and other outlying regions. That is no doubt true, but the real remedy is in a higher tax rate. This is not a pleasant prospect. Taxes are proverbially unpopular. It is, however, the way cities are made. It is a matter of business. A big American city upon the west bank of the Mississippi River costs just as much as it were on the Great Lakes, the Hudson River, or the Pacific slope. It costs \$60,000,000 annually to maintain cities like Detroit and Cleveland, which swept by us in the decade from 1910 to 1920, it will cost that much to maintain a city of their class here.

We all know that when Mr. Smith said St. Louis does not spend enough to grow as it should he told us the truth. The Post-Dispatch has shown that in the matter of streets we are spending \$1,725,000 a year, whereas New York is spending \$9,000,000, Chicago \$4,000,000, Detroit \$3,500,000, and Cleveland \$3,325,000. We have for streets in 1927, when traffic has multiplied 129 times, when 185,000 motor vehicles are rushing about, slightly in excess of \$100,000 more than we had twenty years ago. Apply that same progress to the city in all its metropolitan aspects, and you have the fourth city that was. The average per capita property tax in the ten largest American cities is \$50.69, of \$17.87 more than we are paying here.

What is St. Louis going to do? Is it, as Mr. Smith says it will unless it wakes up, going down, down in the list of American cities because it is too unprogressive and too tight-fisted to pay for that place, that power, and that prosperity which all the great and forward-looking cities enjoy? Are the three cities which Mr. Smith says are close upon our heels to pass us in the census of 1930? The Post-Dispatch sincerely hopes not. There is a way to prevent it. We must go to the next Legislature and set in motion the legal machinery by which the tax rate can be increased. If the politicians are too cowardly to force this necessity, it is a service we must perform for ourselves.

It is a matter of business.

Direct taxes will be abolished progressively in Jugoslavia, beginning in 1929. Life is just one tariff quarrel after another.

MR. BAKER IMPROVES.

L. C. Lozier resigned as legal adviser to the State Highway Commission a day or two ago, and his assistant, Edgar Shook, has succeeded him. The succession was in line with the Highway Department's sound policy of promoting competent men within the organization to such vacancies as occur.

There was one attempt to depart from that policy. When his predecessor resigned and Mr. Lozier, as assistant legal adviser, was the logical choice for the office, Gov. Baker unwisely attempted to give the place to a personal and political favorite. It was the first effort to involve the Highway Department in the mesh of spoils politics. Fortunately, there was enough moral courage, honesty and good common sense in the Highway Commission to resist the Governor and block his scheme.

An aggressive public sentiment asserted itself, too. The lesson seemingly was not lost on the Governor. At any rate, Mr. Baker kept his hands off in this latest instance. If congratulations are in order they are hereby tendered.

TENNESSEE IS STILL NORMAL.

Tennessee, we shall have you know, has not changed, for all the impious reports to the contrary. Teacher Scopes may not be languishing in the hoosgow because of his blasphemous heresies, but Teacher Tate, at least, has lost his job.

If the latter did not openly teach the evil theories of Darwin he said something that suggested them, which is every bit as bad. He told the pupils of the Farragut High School, where he was principal, that any pupil who was not striving for development might as well close his books and go home. Two pupils looked up "evolution" in the dictionary, and found that it meant "a process of development." Thereupon they did close their books, and went home to tell their parents. So Teacher Tate was asked to resign.

If another Andrew Jackson should suddenly appear out of the hills, would Tennessee penalize him for developing into a great General and President?

ARBITRATORS VERSUS PRO-CONSULS.

Nine months ago the United States was at swords points with both Nicaragua and Mexico. Today we seem to have entered an era of good feeling with Mexico, while in Nicaragua the total of natives killed by our marines and bombing planes is weekly increasing. Why? Because we have made the two countries laboratories for the testing of two diametrically opposite varieties of foreign relations.

The course we have adopted toward the Mexicans was well predicted by Frank R. Kent, writing in the Baltimore Sun, immediately after the appointment of Mr. Morrow to the ambassadorship:

In his arguments, instead of starting out to prove that you are all wrong, Mr. Morrow begins by trying to find out where you are right. With this idea he first comes over to your side and with you, and without heat, examines your case, analyzes your evidence, agrees with you about obvious facts, concedes your actual grievance. More than this, with that clear mind of his, he will point out things favorable to your contention that perhaps you have overlooked, will strengthen your case for you as far as he can, and refrain from claiming the doubtful points. After he has done all this, and done it thoroughly and with such obvious sincerity and fairness that all thought of trickery is dismissed from your mind, the natural hostility and prejudice toward an antagonist vanishes. When the time arrives to go over with him to look at his case, you go in a friendly, not a disputatious spirit, anxious to be just as fair and open-minded as he, ashamed not to be.

Our course in Mexico, that is, has been one of friendly understanding and arbitration.

In Nicaragua, on the other hand, what method have we pursued? The facts are notorious and need little recounting. We have handled the Nicaraguans in keeping with the best traditions of pro-consulship. Instead of a Morrow, we sent them a Stimson. When he left the little republic, with roseate predictions and pious pleasantries, he said we were beloved by all Nicaraguans except some 150 bandits. To date our marines have killed some 800 natives. It would seem that there is a salutary lesson to be derived from the contrasting results of these experiments in the Mexican and Nicaraguan laboratories.

PANTS-PRESSING IN CHICAGO.

Mr. Hearst, whose Mexican "documents" are the laughing stock of the land, has at last found a customer in the magazine which got the name "Liberty" by pulling it out of a hat in a prize contest. "Liberty" takes them seriously. We quote from an editorial on Christmas:

Startling documents recently printed by W. R. Hearst indicate that Calles has sent gold to Mexico, gold to finance communist schools in Mexico, gold to the Chinese adherents of bolshevism, gold to the liberals ("Red") part of Nicaragua. He sent \$100,000 to the striking British coal miners "as a secret aid contributed by the Government of Mexico to the maintenance of the ideals of the proletariat." And so on.

Although the issue of "Liberty" from which this excerpt was taken is dated Dec. 31, it is likely that it went to press before the Senate began its investigation of the "documents." It is incredible that "Liberty" would be spending Mexican gold so recklessly if it had had the benefit of the Senate committee's disclosures.

Even so, with no crutch to lean on, with no one else to point out to "Liberty" the suspicious character of the documents, what is one to think of a national magazine which gives credence to such obvious piffle that the non-toe-opulent Mexican Government, whose financial operations are supervised by some of our astute Wall street bankers, could or would scatter largesse throughout the world? This is the kind of editorial writing recently characterized by H. L. Mencken as pants-pressing.

MR. ANDERSON'S FEAT.

Sherwood Anderson, the novelist, recently bought two country newspapers in Virginia and is now engaged in editing and publishing them. The fact that one newspaper was Democratic and the other Republican presented no problem to Mr. Anderson. He simply decided that they should remain on the opposite sides of the fence politically.

It is not every man that can ride two horses going in different directions at the same time, and the feat in Mr. Anderson's case has obvious commercial advantages. He has introduced into journalism the merchandising methods of a country store. If his customers don't like his Democratic pickles, why, then, they may have his Republican sauce.

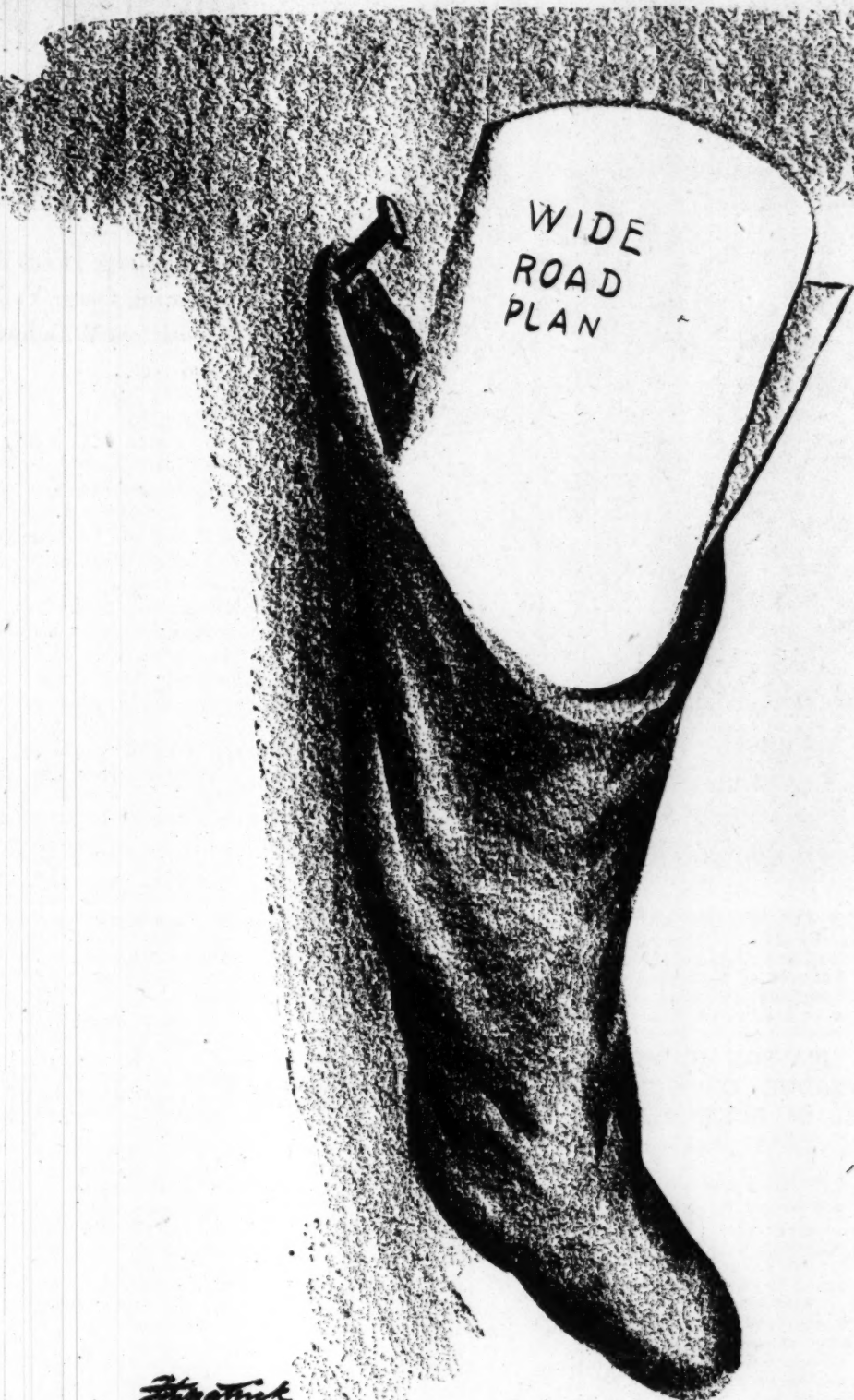
"ARE EDITORIALS WORTH READING?"

Under the quoted head an editorial writer discusses the editorial page in the current number of the Saturday Evening Post. On the whole he does an excellent job of it, too, at least from the editorial writer's viewpoint. How the lay reader will react to it is something at which we can only guess.

Some editorials are bound to be boring, according to this confession. In that category are placed party editorials, civic editorials and policy editorials. But must these necessarily be stodgy and platitudinous? Mr. Lorimer, the editor of the Saturday Evening Post, will hardly subscribe to that dictum. On that point his office tradition has quoted him: "There are no dull subjects. There are dull writers." The Lorimer philosophy, if such it may be called, was well exemplified by William McKinley, whose mastery of the tariff had won for him the sobriquet of the "Napoleon of Protection." There were contemporaries who knew as much, possibly more, about the tariff than McKinley did. There was none that could discuss it with such verve, color and dramatic appeal. A flow of statistics would finally cascade in, for example, this metaphor: "They told us we could not make watches in America. But today three-fourths of the watches in use in Austria are ticking Hail Columbia."

A modern instance. The paragraphs of print evoked by the inter-lateral debts stretch far beyond the terminally wintry marches of "Crisis" and his 10,000 as related by the meticulous Xenophon. Mostly they have been unutterably dreary and unintelligible. But along came Prof. Taussig of Harvard (in the Atlantic Monthly, as we remember) with half a dozen pages or so of lucid, galloping, compelling analysis. Whether editorials are worth reading depends, we feel sure, largely on the editorial writer; partly on the reader. And that goes for all "reading matter"—prose, poetry and the cryptics of Ezra Pound.

Speaking of endless romances, what about the one that begins, "The situation in the Balkans is"—?



THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS!

THE WALSH RESOLUTION.

AN INVESTIGATION BALKED.

From the Springfield (Mass.) Republican. THIS session of Congress will be shorn of one of its predicted displays of fireworks unless Senator Walsh of Montana now finds some way of getting his resolution for an investigation of the alleged power trust of interlocking public utilities out of the hands of the Senate committee on interstate commerce. A hostile committee can put any resolution to sleep and the vote necessary to discharge a committee from further consideration of any matter once referred to it is difficult to obtain.

Exactly why Walsh unexpectedly failed in his effort to refer his resolution to another and more favorable committee is not altogether clear in view of the majority which the Democrats and radical Republicans have ordinarily commanded. Apparently a few conservative Southern Democrats decided the issue, together with one or two others whose membership on the interstate commerce committee gave them a personal interest in maintaining its jurisdiction.

THE SENATE AND THE "POWER TRUST."

By the New York World. BY the close vote of 40 to 36, the Senate has referred to its Interstate Commerce Committee Mr. Walsh's proposal for an investigation of what has been called "The Power Trust." This does not mean that the proposal is defeated. It means postponement, and probably a fight on the floor of the Senate later, if the Interstate Commerce Committee pigeonholes Mr. Walsh's resolution.

A comparison has been made between this investigation which Mr. Walsh now urges, and the investigation which he so successfully conducted into the making of the oil leases. It has been said that starting with very little, in the present case, he might turn up something comparable with the scandals of Elk Hills and Teapot Dome. This is an unlikely result of any investigation. For the two cases are quite different. The oil-lease investigation concerned the methods by which public property had been turned over to private exploitation. In the power investigation no public property is involved and nobody accuses the private power companies of raiding the public domain. The points at issue are different in this case. They concern such questions as the financial organization of the power companies, the protection of investors, the interlocking of directorates and the definition of "monopoly" in the field of electric power.

The purpose of this investigation would be to plan a program of power legislation. It is the duty of Congress to legislate where laws are needed, and investigation is a necessary prelude to determining whether laws are needed. But as a matter of fact, an affairs stand now in Washington, the power policy of the present Congress is less likely to be made by an investigation into corporate finances than by the action which this Congress takes in respect to Muscle Shoals and Boulder Dam. The President having advised Congress to "dispose of" Muscle Shoals, without suggesting how, a drive will shortly be begun to force Congress to dispose of it on bargain terms. A drive is already on to force the Government to construct Boulder Dam and dispose of its power rights without adequate protection to the public interest.

It is here that Congress will be called upon to define a real "power policy." And it is here that there is a real possibility of another Teapot Dome.

WHERE LIGHT IS NEEDED.

From the Kansas City Times.

WE are not to have power, light and certain other utility services scrutinized by a special Senate Committee as proposed by Senator Walsh of Montana. Instead of an immediate examination of the practices of these service corporations by an aggressive body assigned to the task, we shall have to wait the will of the Interstate Commerce Committee. It is so ordered by a bipartisan vote.

While this is not a satisfactory disposition of the Walsh resolution, it is by no means hopeless. The standing committee should be pressed for action. The time has come when there should be more light on combinations and super-combinations in these utilities. Tremendous investments are involved and the procedure should be deliberate and fair to all concerned. Mergers in themselves do not necessarily give public concern. We have progressed beyond the old and arbitrary attitude against monopolies and quasi-monopolies, especially in public service. We recognize the economic value of consolidation, and that in public service large combinations of interests may be made to serve the public as well as the investors. The Government prevented railroad consolidation in the Northern Securities case, for example; now it is virtually ordering railroad consolidation in the interest of service and economy.

But in public service there must be regulation if there is monopoly or if there are trusts virtually creating monopoly. This regulation we do not have as interstate light, power and gas service, and it has become particularly urgent as to light and power.

The country has witnessed the forming of extraordinary mergers, and over the mergers great holding companies have appeared to the layman as mere devices or brokerage profiteering. The people who pay for utility service have a right to know what they are paying for.

AN OLD GUARD SENATE VICTORY.

From the Brooklyn Eagle.

STRATEGICALLY led by Senator Moses of New Hampshire, the Old Guard in the United States Senate won a distinct victory when it succeeded in referring the resolution of Senator Walsh of Montana for the investigation of public utilities combinations to a hostile committee, of which the Stand-Patter Watson of Indiana was chairman. The victory was not due to holding the insurgents or near insurgents, Borah and Capper and Shipstead, with 10 dissenting insurgents, stood for Walsh's resolution.

But "divide and conquer" had been the Moses strategy. Precisely 13 Democrats turned their backs on Walsh and voted to assist the Republican Old Guard—Borah, Broussard, Edwards, Glass, Hawes, Mayfield, Overman, Ransdell, Simmons, Stecker, Thomas, Tydings and Tyson. Of these only Broussard and Ransdell are chronically uncertain. The others had water developments in their States in prospect and were afraid, it is said, of an investigation of the "Power Trust."

The vote is a clear indication that party lines count for little on either side in the Senate and that every issue brought up will have to stand or fall by itself, in accordance with the strength or weakness of the influences behind it. That there is any thing inauspicious for the Government or the people in such a situation is at least not easy to demonstrate.

JUST A MINUTE

(Copyright 1927.)

"Twas the Night Before Christmas.

This was the last tree he had. Well, if you're so smart, why didn't you go out and buy one, in place of some tree giving orders?

You'll have that broken before the tree ever has a chance to play with it. There's the ax?

Believe me, if they want a tree you want the tree put up, why didn't you buy a holder this afternoon?

Give me that hammer.

See if you can get some bulbs at the hardware store.

This writh watch I bought her won't run. All right, open it; I thought we were going to wait till tomorrow morning.

Does that mistletoe look all right when it's?

It's too high; nobody'll see it there. Where's the hammer?

If he'd keep his advice to himself, we'd be able to get the advice to himself.

Aw, why don't you leave things alone? First thing you know, the kids will be there.

Does anybody know what happened to that holder we made last year?

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Off Making Many JOHN G. NEIHARDT

A Complex World Examined

PHILOSOPHY. By Bertrand Russell.

(W. W. Norton & Co.)

WILLIAM JAMES would have enjoyed reading Russell's new book. The reason is not only that much that is said is compatible with the James point of view, but also that the latter was one of the most vigorous defenders of philosophy from the charge that its problems never change. Here we have the most recent scientific fact and theory carefully examined, objectively considered, and then judiciously evaluated. Material that 10 years ago would have caused the good old hard-headed scientist to tear his hair is today calmly given as the basis of a new point of view. The man is the same, his clothes are new and he travels in faster company.

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a personality. Or, was Russell merely an accumulation plus a good memory? We prefer to take our artists whole.

The book is worth reading. Mr. Russell is a gentleman and a scholar. He does not try to bully his readers into his point of view and he himself heeds the warning not to be cocksure, vague, or self-contradictory, which he issues to other philosophers. For those who are fairly well acquainted with Russell through his numerous other writings, however, there is very little to be gained in the way of new ideas. Despite the publisher's advertisements that this is the latest appearance of these ideas in print, they have appeared before. The last chapter is very similar to his essay, "A Free Man's Worship"; his treatment of the ethical problem is practically a re-statement of his views on the good life; the discussion on memory is almost the same as that advanced in his "Analysis of Matter," which was published in 1921. Collection and organization help to create a system, but new words do not always mean new ideas.

SAMUEL ROSENKRANTZ.

JUST MOTHER, AND OTHER STORIES. By Eleanor H. Porter. (George H. Doran Co.)

There are 17 stories in this collection, by the author of the "Pollyanna" series. They are very much like the longer stories that the author wrote, which means that they are little dramas of joy and sorrow, filled with heart appeal and the philosophy of optimism, about simple folk of every day life. "Just Mother" is one of the shortest, but one of the best, and it appropriately leads the others and gives its name to the collection.

RIGHT OFF THE MAP. By C. E. Montague. (Doubleday, Page & Co.)

A work of fine and high imagination, by the author of "Rough Justice," a satire on the folly and the vanity of war, or, if the reader wishes to take it so, a warning against military unpreparedness. The imaginary Republic of Ria goes to war with a light heart against its neighbor, Porto. Ria has rhetoric and disdainful confidence, but apparently has intelligence department. Hence it does not know, until too late, that Porto has a well functioning military machine. Ria soon finds itself bereft of independence, and as far off the map as it had planned to place its rival.

All this is the background for the tragedy of Cyril Burhage, well-meaning but over-rated editor-statesman, whose vanity and lack of foresight place him repeatedly in false positions. Finally, as a member of a military court organized by the conquering Portans, he feels himself obliged to condemn his best friend to death. This closing episode, with an intervening love story, gives an emotional grip for which the light satirical style of the early chapters has hardly prepared the reader. C. F. H.

YALE AND HARVARD CLUBS ENTERTAIN

Glee and Instrumental College Societies Heard in a Combined Program at the Odeon.

The Yale Glee Club and the three instrumental clubs of Harvard making their first combined appearance in St. Louis entertained a large and enthusiastic crowd of their supporters at the Odeon last night with a program pitched on a considerably higher scale than the usual college efforts. Most of the numbers were composed by their own hands, giving way to classical of foreign and some ultra modern jazz.

The Yale men sang the Ave Maria by Du Vittoria and also "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones," numbers which would never have been attempted in the old college glee club days. L. P. Ross, a Yale senior and director of the club, was among the soloists of the evening and his "Summer Evening," a Finnish love song, was a delight. The Harvard Mandolin Club showed what it could do among other things, with one of Brahms' Hungarian dances but the audience took more kindly to the jazz playing of the Harvard Gold Coast Orchestra, whose leader, Charles Henderson, furnished some fine entertainment at the piano.

The Harvard Banjo Club and the string quartet from the same school caught the fancy of the audience. A number of the well-known Yale college songs were also among those sung by the New Haven men.

GIVES \$5000 TO COLLEGE

E. S. Pillsbury contributes to Will Mayfield Endowment.

A \$5000 gift by E. S. Pillsbury of St. Louis, president of Century Electric Co., has been announced at Marble Hill, Mo., by Will Mayfield College.

The school, a Baptist institution, plans to increase its endowment to \$100,000 in 1928, and with Pillsbury's contribution, now has \$56,120.

Slight Earthquake in California.

ANALYSIS, Cal. Dec. 24. — A slight shock was felt generally yesterday afternoon. No damage was reported.

The silver lining in the cloud is that so far the Balkans have not developed a crisis over which Balkan nation has the biggest crisis.

FRIENDS PAY TRIBUTE TO "JACK" KEARNEY

Senator Hawes Telegraphs Regret of His Inability to Attend Funeral Services.

How "Jack" Kearney faced death, in the same spirit of cheer and fortitude which he had shown through life, a gathering of friends of the veteran newspaper and publicity worker heard at his funeral yesterday afternoon.

By Mr. Kearney's expressed wish, the funeral exercise consisted wholly of a talk by a friend of many years' standing, George S. Johns. He had wished also that Senator Harry B. Hawes should speak, but Senator Hawes is in Washington, and sent a telegram expressing his regret that he could not be here.

The funeral, held in the Wagoner chapel on Olive street, was attended by men and women who knew Mr. Kearney in his active work of more than 40 years, as reporter, writer and editor, and more recently as publicity manager of the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Persons of prominence in business, political and professional life were present, as were others, less prominent, who had worked with him or otherwise had gained his friendship.

In reference to the painful character of Mr. Kearney's last illness, Mr. Johns said: "While we grieve for our loss, we rejoice that he has been released from pain and weariness. Death did not come to Jack Kearney as a dread monster, dragging his victim to unknown terrors. He came as a kindly messenger of peace, lifting the burden of weakness and agony."

Not Afraid of Death.

"Jack Kearney was not afraid of death. He faced the last stroke of nature, as he faced all her ruthless attacks—disease, and injury, and pain—with courage and cheer in his heart, a smile on his lips, and a jest in his mouth. "So long as there was hope, he made a brave fight for life. But his surrender to the inevitable was superb. When he learned that there was no hope, he said to me, 'I have no fear of death. Millions have trod that path before me, and I am not afraid to follow them. I don't know what is beyond the grave, but whatever it is does not frighten me. I have lived my life as best I could, and I meet the end without misgiving.'"

"One afternoon, when I dropped in to see him, he said: 'I have cheerful news from my doctors.' He said it smiling. 'Good,' I replied, 'thinking he might have an inkling of hope. 'What is it?' 'They tell me,' he said, 'I shall not linger long. I prefer death to lingering invalidism.'"

"John W. Kearney was not connected with any church, but he had his religion. He had a sound philosophy of life. He had high standards of honor, integrity, fidelity to obligations and responsibilities, and loyalty. He applied these standards to his daily life, and required them of those in whom he placed his trust.

"Jack was born, reared and educated in St. Louis. This city was his home from birth to death. His engaging qualities and democratic sympathies in his varied activities gained for him a wide circle of acquaintances; cordial to all, he bound those of his own kind to him in firm bonds of friendship. "He enjoyed life. He walked through it as if it were a flowered way. In his leisure hours, he was a gay and congenial companion to those he loved. His conversation was genial, witty and humorous. He was an excellent raconteur. He adorned his stories with manner and dialect, which made them characteristic and telling.

"In addition to these light, attractive qualities, there was a strong fiber in Jack. He was trustworthy. Everything he undertook he did thoroughly, with capacity and conscientious care. When he made a promise he kept it. If something was to be done for a friend, the work was turned over to Jack with the assurance that it would be well done. From the time he began his newspaper career as a youthful reporter on the Globe-Democrat, making a specialty of sports, through his editorial work on the Republic, his assistant city editorship on the Post-Dispatch and his city editorship of the Star, he had an unfailing record of energy, industry and enthusiasm.

"Subsequently, in the field of publicity, as secretary-treasurer of the Aero Club, of the Kennel Club, the Horse Show, Delmar Garden, and finally in charge of publicity of the Missouri Pacific system, he maintained the record of thorough and successful effort.

"His life was a happy blend of usefulness and congeniality. "Senator Hawes' Tribute.

"Jack Kearney was a good-hearted, generous, well-informed man. He was loyal to his friends, at all times consistent, and had the courage to speak his opinions. His wide circle of acquaintances will miss his comradeship, and various human qualities, his fine sense of humor and loyalty. It distresses me not to be able to be present at the last sad rites, and to have an opportunity personally to express my regard for him and my opinion of his many fine qualities."

Following the funeral, the body was placed in a receiving vault, to await arrangements for a place of burial. Mr. Kearney's parents and a sister are buried in Calvary Cemetery. Two sisters survive him, Mrs. Mollie Ewing of New York and Miss Katherine D. Kearney of St. Louis. He was unmarried.

New York Day by Day

By O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.

TUESDAY is the favorite night for the social push to dine in public cafes. Ordinarily considered an "off night" they figure on dodging the hot-pot. And it has become the evening when they wear their smartest clothes and costliest jewels.

The smart thing is to entertain a celebrity—a heterogeneous title, an opera star, a pale pianist or a literary lion. The dinner hour is around nine to escape rushing the theater for drama in arriving late.

It becomes about the only leisurely dinner of the week, for the other evenings are spent in flitting from party to party, from opera theater to night clubs and such. The usual warmth of New York gathering is missing. People bow aloofly and appear detached.

You see those collar ad "pick-up" with Piling Rock menses squirming magnificently dressed women whose husbands often loom large in the financial news, and

UNEXAMPLED SINGING BY VATICAN CHOIRS

Large Crowd Moved by Program of Liturgical and Recreative Music at Coliseum.

By THOMAS B. SHERMAN.

A chorus of 69 male voices assembled from the Vatican choirs gave a program of liturgical and recreative music last night at the Coliseum. A large audience gave every evidence of being moved and astonished, and certainly such emotions were justified, for such unexampled singing does not fall within the ordinary experience.

It was not so much the precision of attack, the cleanness of phrasing, the fidelity to pitch under the most trying conditions, and the perfect balance between the sections of the chorus that stimulated such unbounded wonder. Such qualities are sometimes encountered even in less notable ensembles. It was the fusion of tone making each separate part a unit which gave the chorus its really extraordinary distinction. It was impossible, for instance, to isolate any single voice among the sopranos from the others because of its different quality or preponderant volume.

The sacred numbers were chosen from the works of Palestrina, who is not only the backbone of music in the Roman Church, but the founder of modern music as well, and Ludovicus de Victoria. Both the character and the quantitative values of this music derive faithfully from the text and as a result it has a rather formless sound to ears that are more accustomed to the regularly recurring pulse of contemporary music. This, however, was no obstacle to its enjoyment. The beautifully controlled body of sound emanating from the chorus would have made even commonplace music agreeable. The second part of the program contained secular Italian music of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries with the exception of the last number. This was "Il Mare," by Montezimor Casimiri, the director of the singers.

This musically was obviously descriptive and modern in feeling, though following approximately the external idiom of an older period. The sopranos distinguished themselves in this by holding a higher note for eight bars without wavering a quarter tone from the pitch, and then jumping four higher on the concluding note.

WEDDING OF BARONET'S DAUGHTER IS CALLED OFF

Her Father Is Sir William Gordon-Cummings Who Figured in Old Baccarat Scandal.

Copyright, 1927, by the Press and Publisher (London and York). LONDON, Dec. 24. — The marriage which had been arranged between Capt. A. W. H. Grant of the Grenadier Guards and Miss Cecily Gordon-Cummings, youngest daughter of Sir William Gordon-Cummings, Bart., will not take place. Miss Gordon-Cummings' mother, who died in 1922, was one of the three daughters of the late Commodore Garner of the New York Yacht Club, millionaire cotton operator. The engagement was announced only 10 days ago. No reason for its breaking was given yesterday.

This is the second social sensation in the Gordon-Cummings family. The first was when Sir William, Miss Cecily's father, was accused of cheating at baccarat at the home of the late Mrs. Arthur Wilson at Tranby Croft, Yorkshires.

Mrs. Wilson was one of the social leaders of her time, and King Edward VII, then Prince of Wales, was a player in the game. Those present forced Sir William to sign a confession that he had cheated and promise never to play cards again. When the scandal became public Sir William sued for slander. King Edward himself was one of the witnesses.

Sir William was at that time engaged to Miss Garner. When the scandal became public, he offered to release her, both before the trial and after it, but she stuck with him, and the marriage took place, despite his losing his standing. From the beginning there were many who maintained his innocence as steadfastly as did Sir William himself.

would be a private hang-nail clipper. Something very British.

CABARET waiters in the Broadway district receive a salary of \$5 a week and almost no security of holding their job from one day to the next. It is small wonder they have a polite sneer for a trifling tip.

ALL waiters, however, have not fared so badly the last few years. More than a dozen have turned speak-easy proprietors and made fortunes considered quite sizable even in a town of swollen wealth.

A MUSICAL comedy producer demurred at the injection of one of those "I do not choose to run" wheezes. He thought the idea overdone. But a comedian prevailed upon him to keep it in the show. And strangely enough it got the biggest laugh of the evening despite its antiquity.

SIGN on a book shop: "Romance and Adventure—Sex and Disaster."

THE finest dog cemetery in the world is on a sloping green-ward at Hartsdale, N. Y.—a short drive from the city. One of its fin-

est monuments is to a dog war hero built by popular subscription. There are other monuments costing from \$50 to \$1000 with beautiful and touching epitaphs. A constant stream of visitors go through the gates. The little graves of faithful friends are kept green throughout the year. The charge for upkeep is from \$5 to \$10 a year. The dogs are prepared for burial at a canine undertaking parlor, placed in air-tight coffins and buried for a cost slightly less than \$50. Eighty per cent of the dogs taken there are victims of careless motorists—which doesn't seem to be mild about it. speak well for careless motorists.

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New Editor of McCall's Is 22. Special to the Post-Dispatch. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Otis Wiese, a 22-year-old Iowan, will be editor-in-chief of McCall's Magazine, when he returns to his desk in this city after New Year's day. He is on his way to Davenport new to spend Christmas with his mother and father. William B. Warner, president of the company that publishes the magazine, said: "Wiese came to us with some newspaper and magazine experience and since last January served as an assistant editor. He was highly recommended by Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin, where he made a fine record."

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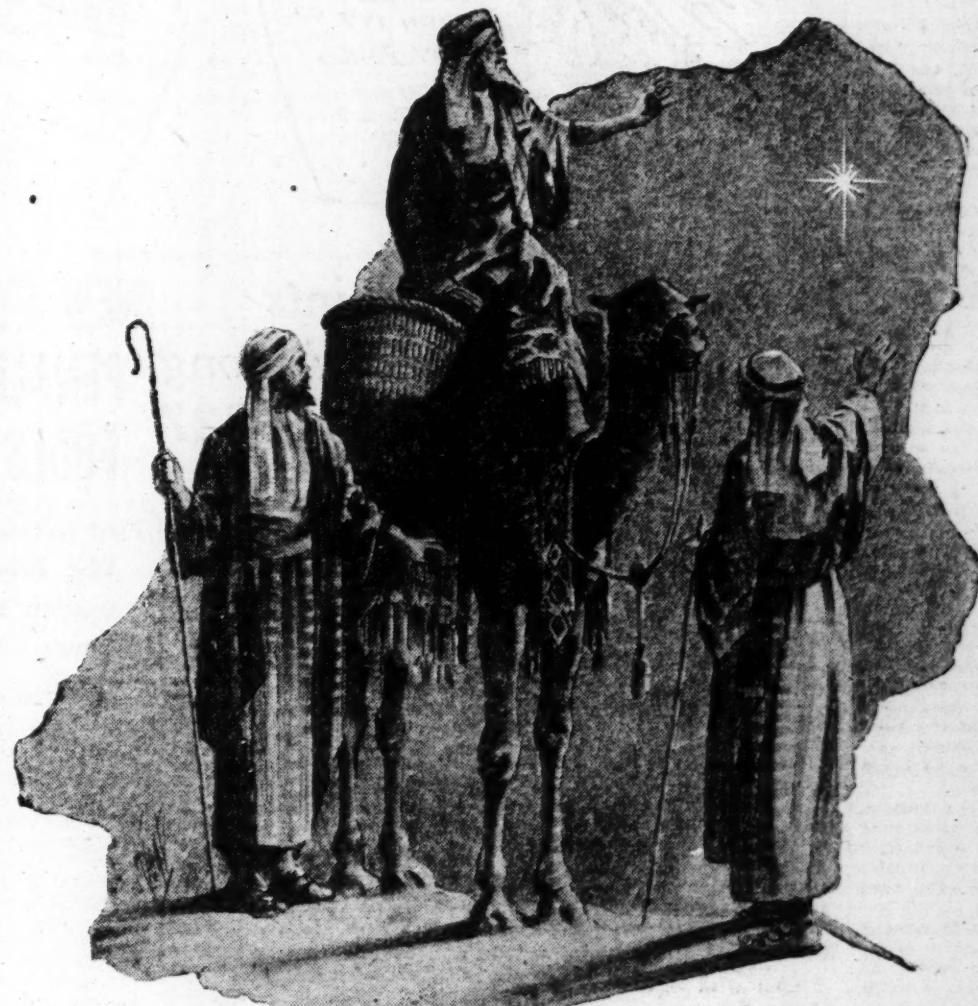
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"—and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh." Mat. 2:11.

UPON this passage of scripture is based the custom of giving gifts at Christmas.

In turn, nearly all of our other Christmas joys are founded upon the gift custom—the Christmas tree—Santa Claus and his reindeers—the worldwide spirit of benevolence and charity from which true happiness comes.

Upon the gift custom rests most of our tremendous holiday trade, running into millions of dollars.

Aside from its great religious significance, Christmas is an occasion which may be celebrated by all, regardless of creed. It is an occasion which brings priceless fantastic joys to the children, and exercises a softening influence upon the hearts of busy men and women.

The Mississippi Valley Trust Company wishes to all St. Louis a Merry Christmas!

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GRAIN PRICES MIXED ON LOCAL EXCHANGE

ST. LOUIS MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE
Dec. 24—Following are the day's closing quotations as received from the Chicago and St. Louis exchanges:

DECEMBER WHEAT	
CH. 125 1/2	125 1/2
K. C. 125 1/2	125 1/2
MARCH WHEAT	
CH. 125 1/2	125 1/2
K. C. 125 1/2	125 1/2
MAY WHEAT	
CH. 125 1/2	125 1/2
K. C. 125 1/2	125 1/2
DECEMBER CORN	
CH. 52 1/2	52 1/2
K. C. 52 1/2	52 1/2
MARCH CORN	
CH. 52 1/2	52 1/2
K. C. 52 1/2	52 1/2
MAY CORN	
CH. 52 1/2	52 1/2
K. C. 52 1/2	52 1/2
DECEMBER OATS	
CH. 31 1/2	31 1/2
K. C. 31 1/2	31 1/2
MARCH OATS	
CH. 31 1/2	31 1/2
K. C. 31 1/2	31 1/2
DECEMBER RYE	
CH. 108 1/2	108 1/2
K. C. 108 1/2	108 1/2
MAY RYE	
CH. 108 1/2	108 1/2
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ST. LOUIS MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE
Dec. 24—Wheat was slightly higher and corn lower at the close of the day's trading. The local market was active and improved export demand for wheat was the main factor in the advance. The local market was active and improved export demand for wheat was the main factor in the advance. The local market was active and improved export demand for wheat was the main factor in the advance.

FRESH SETBACK TO CORN AT CHICAGO

By the Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Prospective large receipts of corn next week brought about a fresh setback in corn values today. Corn prices were lower at the close of the day's trading. The local market was active and improved export demand for wheat was the main factor in the advance. The local market was active and improved export demand for wheat was the main factor in the advance.

GRAIN, BIDS AND OFFERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 24—Grain bids and offers were as follows:

Grain	Bids	Offers
December wheat	124 1/2	125 1/2
May wheat	125 1/2	126 1/2
May corn	52 1/2	53 1/2

LOCAL STOCK PRICES UNCHANGED TO HIGHER

ST. LOUIS STOCK EXCHANGE
Dec. 24.—International Shoe sold at higher level, as did Scruggs common, while Johnson Shoe was unchanged on local market today.

Bond Sales—Continued

Security Sales High Low Bid Ask

Security	High	Low	Bid	Ask
U. S. 4 1/2% 1937	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
U. S. 4 1/2% 1938	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
U. S. 4 1/2% 1939	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2

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DEATHS
Barth, Elizabeth, 82, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

Bennett, Harry F., 68, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

Brecker, W. C., 68, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

Brown, John, 68, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

Chaff, Francis, 68, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

Clark, Barbara, 68, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

DeSoto, Jerome N., 68, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

Flori Anna L., 68, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

Funk, Mathilda, 68, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

Glass, Bridget, 68, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

Goldman, William H., 68, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

Jaggen, Albert, 68, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

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Kile, Emilie, 68, died at 11:30 a. m. at home, 1110 N. 1st St., on Friday, Dec. 22, 1927. Burial at 2 p. m. at St. Peter's church, 1110 N. 1st St. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

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Home Reading and
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News Photographs

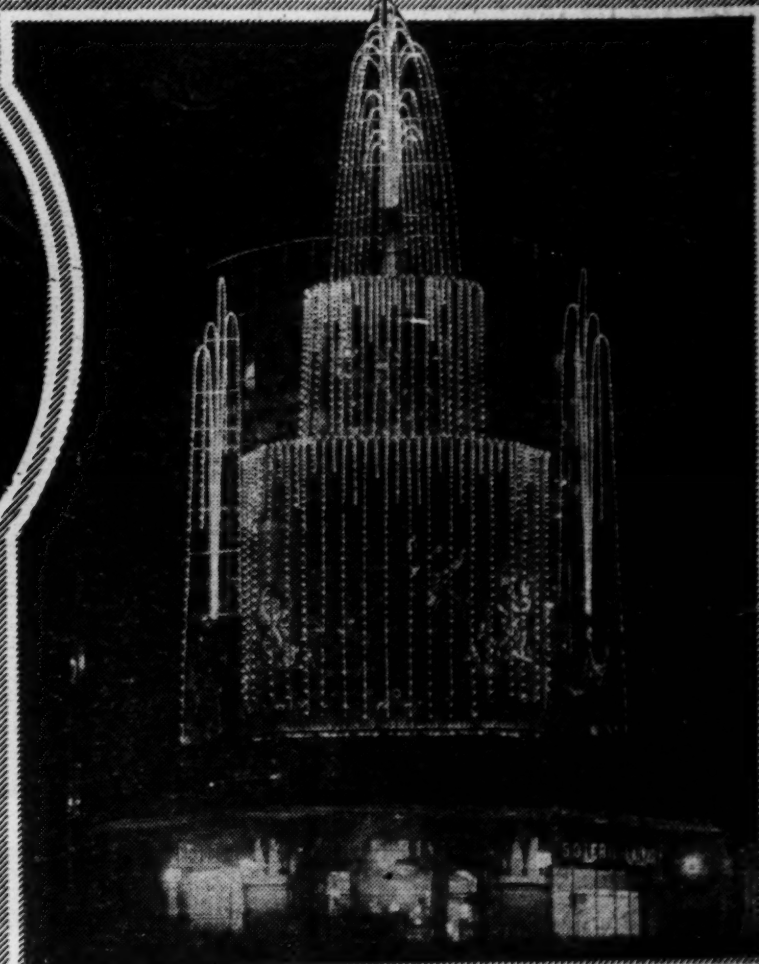
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SINGING SONGS OF CHRISTMAS TIME



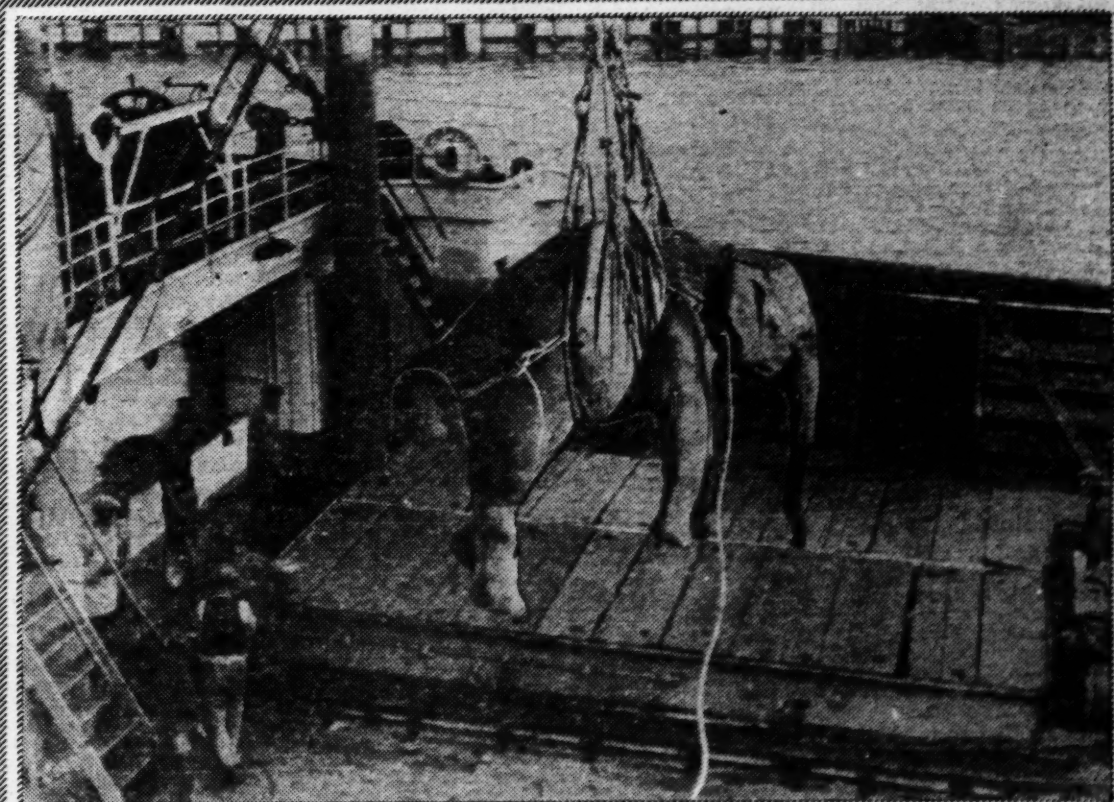
The Marchesa Carignani, the former Mary Denman Clark of St. Louis, with her baby daughter in their home in Italy. —Photogram.

DAZZLING ELECTRICAL DISPLAY



One of the large department stores in Paris illuminated at night for the Christmas holidays. —P. & A. photo.

OFF FOR A LITTLE TRIP



An inmate of the Los Angeles Zoo being shipped to Hawaii. —Underwood & Underwood.

REPAIRING NATURE'S DAMAGE



Preparing to take down the dome of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem after the recent earthquake which made rebuilding necessary. —Wide World photo.

H. T. Dewhirst, new chief of the House of David colony at Benton Harbor, Mich. —P. & A. photo.

GOOD-WILL DOLLS ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON



Two of the 17 dolls sent to the United States by the children of Japan. They will be placed on exhibition at the Capital. —International photo.

WHAT THE RADIO BROUGHT IN



Los Angeles officials counting the money which was sent in, following a radio appeal, for the fund to be used as a reward for the capture of William Edward Hickman, the kidnaper of Marian Parker. —International photo.

AN UNDERGROUND CHAPEL



Salt mine workers at Wieliczka, Poland, being decorated for bravery after a recent accident in the mine, in a chapel which is 200 feet below the surface. —International photo.



Miss Tutti Fertig of Berlin, crowned as "Miss Germany, 1928," at the recent Fashion Ball in the German capital. —Wide World photo.

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-TO ST. CHARLES

THE WAY OF A WOMAN

By Marguerite Mooers Marshall

THE MODEL BUDGETS

THE following quoted statements are taken from "model budgets" recently made public by the Home Economics Department of Chicago University and Teachers College. The questions which follow each statement are those which must have occurred to many women readers of the "model budgets."

"A young woman ought to earn \$100 or more if she wants to wear chignon hats and go to the theater."

Q. What does \$100 mean to a young woman who has no money to spend, and why should she have to pay for her theater tickets?

A. A girl should pay half the rent for a \$75 apartment without kitchenette, finding another girl to share it with her.

Q. And if the other girl walks out in the middle of the year, or loses her job and can't pay her share, what then?

A. The budget allows \$3 a week for board.

Q. Bread and milk three times a day—or oatmeal and potatoes? Or what other foods can a girl be boarded for a week?

A. The budget allows \$1.50 a month for telephone.

Q. But why not make HIM do the calling?

A. The budget allows \$50 a year for doctors and dentists.

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Q. Why not watch the sales pay less for good dresses marked down and buy more of them?

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Q. Where can a fur coat be bought for that money?

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Q. Why not pay \$6 a pair in one of the one-price-brogans-to-dance slippers places, and squeeze another pair out of the shoe appropriation?

A. The wife of a \$3600 a year man can feed her husband on \$1 cents a day.

Q. She can offer him food costing as little as that, but can she FEED it to him?

A. She can give him bananas and cream, oatmeal, bacon, toast and coffee for breakfast, and for 16 cents.

Q. But suppose he won't touch anything for breakfast except the very best and most expensive coffee?

A. She can give him tomato soup, baked beans and a baked apple for lunch.

Q. But how many men nowadays lunch at home?

A. She can give him round steak, creamed carrots, rice pudding for dinner.

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The Mystery of the Missing Word

By Edgar Wallace

CHAPTER XXV.

Mr. Lane had at that moment the impression of his life. Since he had by fortuitous circumstances involved in this matter, and he knew it could make very little difference one way or the other, he said, he seized the same old key to his hand.

"I am one of the 'Borough Lads,'" he said, and was led out of the room and handed over to the police. He had established himself as a desperate criminal.

Mr. Spedding was a man who thought quickly. Ideas and plans came to him as dross and diamonds came to the man at the sorting table, and he had the faculty of selection. He saw the police system of England as only the police themselves saw it, and he had an eye for the man at the sorting table, and he had the faculty of selection. He saw the police system of England as only the police themselves saw it, and he had an eye for the man at the sorting table, and he had the faculty of selection.

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By Sol Hess

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SO THATS THE ROYALTY?

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—Sky-Writing



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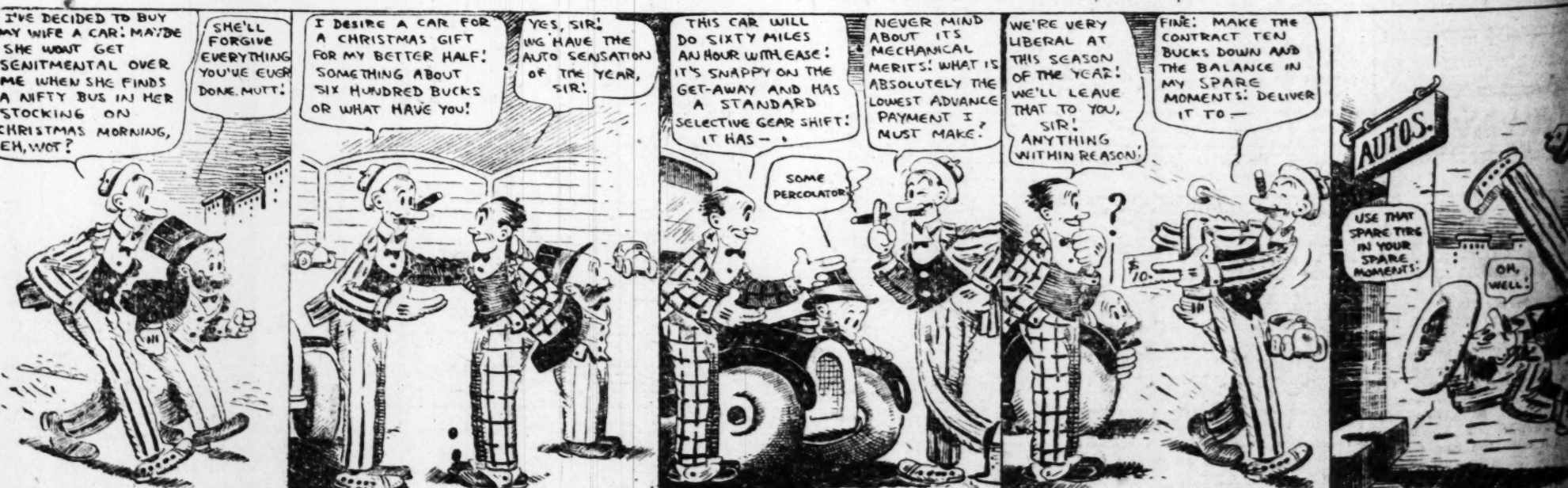
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Mutt and Jeff—By Bud Fisher

—Mutt Seems to Be Retired

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TO START JOURNEY AT 11 A. M. TODAY

Youth Denies Clefts Found in His Room in Los Angeles Prove He Killed and Mutilated Victim.

By the Associated Press. PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 24.—Facing the trail back to Los Angeles where he must stand trial on charges of kidnaping and killing little Marian Parker, 12-year-old schoolgirl, William E. Hickman became hysterical tonight when officers from the California city entered his cell to take him in custody.

Shrieks of the youthful accused could be heard in the jail through the heavy iron doors of his cell room.

Hickman was asleep when the officers arrived. He had eaten his evening meal about 4:15 o'clock and was exhausted by a busy day. He had been filmed, photographed, quizzed and viewed by 4000 persons.

After the officers appeared, Hickman for a while lay flat on his back on the floor with his knees raised and refused to talk.

"Come on, Eddie, sit up like a man and talk," said one of the officers.

Hickman made no response. The cell door was opened and one of the men walked inside. Hickman picked him up and laid him on the bunk.

"I have a message from Marian," his inquisitor said.

Hickman then shouted: "Marian, where is she? Come, let me see her face."

"Do you want to know what Marian said? Sit up and I will tell you."

But Hickman did not move. The Los Angeles officers were taken immediately into the cell. The doors were bolted behind the officers. Accompanying A. S. Keyes, District Attorney, were Chief of Police Harold E. Davis, Herman Cline, Chief of Detectives, George K. Home, former Chief of Police and Detective Harris Ramon.

As Keyes and others of his party came out of the door after a few minutes, Hickman was lying on his back in his cell groaning loudly. Detectives remained in the cell to question Hickman. Hickman's jailer said: "Hickman acted like a maniac."

On a street corner not far from the jail a crowd of men, women and children were gathered about the Christmas trees while the children sang Christmas carols.

To Leave This Morning. Hickman will leave with the officers tomorrow at 11 a. m. for Los Angeles. This was announced by Chief Cline of Los Angeles. He said he had talked by telephone with Dwight W. Longuevan, who was bringing extradition papers from Salem, and was informed that Longuevan could not get away from Portland before 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Longuevan, Inspector of Detectives of the Los Angeles Police Department, left Salem late today with extradition papers signed by Gov. Patterson authorizing the return of Hickman to California. He left for Pendleton by automobile with another Los Angeles officer.

"Barring most unusual circumstances, we will be able to leave at 11 a. m. tomorrow," said Cline. District Attorney Keyes asked Press Representative, who obtained a first statement from Hickman upon his capture, to turn over a copy of the transcript. Keyes said he would study it and use it as a basis for his questioning.

The Los Angeles officers took photographs of Jack and Bill Merrill of Garfield, Wash., who were in Hickman's automobile when he was captured near here last Thursday. The boys had been held by police for questioning by the Los Angeles officers.

They were released tonight after Los Angeles officials arrived. Hickman had given the boys a ride, having picked them up at The Dalles. Keyes, Cline and Davis each gave the boys \$10 and told them to go home.

Officials Leave Jail. The California officials later left.

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